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BRITISH TROOPS IN JAFFA FIGHT

Arab Legion Claimed To Have Taken Jericho

Soviet Not Interested

Brussels, Apr. 27. M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Premier, revealed today that in the past, two years he had made two approaches to Russia for a Belgian-Soviet pact, but they had been ignored. "The Soviet Union did not reply so I drew the conclusion that they were not interested," M. Spaak told the Chamber of Representatives during the debate on the Brussels Pact.—Reuter.

Handcuffed Suspect Leaps To Death

A suspected armed robber leapt to his death from the third floor of 33 Bute Street shortly after 10 p.m. last night.

About 8.30 p.m. the man was taken into custody by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes and two Chinese detectives in a farmhouse in Mong Kok on suspicion of being connected with an armed robbery at the watchshop on March 30.

He brought the detectives to 33 Bute Street, third floor, at 10 p.m. where a loaded Luger pistol was found in the kitchen. Immediately the pistol was unearthed, the handcuffed suspect dashed to the front window and jumped over. He died instantly.

Bullitt To Visit China

Washington, Apr. 28. Mr. William Bullitt, former United States Ambassador to Russia, is scheduled to leave the United States on April 30 for China for a visit of "six weeks to two months". Mr. Bullitt told the United Press that the trip was "simply a personal visit" to familiarize himself with developments there since last year. He said he planned to tour China generally. Asked concerning rumours that he might be appointed United States administrator of the China aid portion of the global assistance programme, Mr. Bullitt said the rumours were "absolute without foundation".—United Press.

Ban On Singapore May Day Rallies

Singapore, Apr. 28. The struggle between the Singapore Government and the Communist-dominated Singapore Federation of Trade Unions, which has been fomenting the recent industrial trouble, is expected to reach a show-down on May Day, when the Federation, according to its leaders, will defy the Government order, banning a mass rally of 100,000 workers in the city park and a procession through the streets of Singapore.

Brigadier P. A. B. McKerron, the Colonial Secretary, at a press conference this morning, issued an ultimatum, banning all rallies and processions in Singapore from May 1 until further notice.

"The Government is confident that it has the resources to enforce the decision, with the military backing up the police if necessary," said Brigadier McKerron. He added: "Singapore expects every law-abiding citizen to do his duty on May Day and that the workers will celebrate quietly, either at work or at home."

The strike today spread to Port Swettenham, main port of the Federation of Malaya, when labourers there struck in support, completely stopping work on 15 ships.

The strike followed visits yesterday of agitators from Singapore. Brigadier McKerron's announcement withdrew the earlier permission to the Federation to hold a mass rally in the city park. The permission was withdrawn after the Federation's spokesman yesterday declared that the workers would defy the Government order and hold a procession through the streets after the rally.

There was no question of the Government trying to restrain the expression of legitimate opinion, Brigadier McKerron said, but the Government was determined to maintain law and order. Anyone defying the order would have to face the consequences.—Reuter.

Bevin Says U.K. Must Withdraw

Jerusalem, Apr. 28. British Army units in position along the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv border area went into action this morning to break up the Jewish attack on Jaffa; it was announced officially here today. In Jerusalem, heavy automatic fire and occasional mortar fire was heard throughout the night. It was silenced this morning except for several explosions in the Mekor Haim area. No casualties were reported.

Reports of Jaffa fighting reaching Jerusalem official circles (without confirmation) said thick smoke was seen after Jews attacked the village of Salame on the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv border this morning.

First reports said the Jews laid down mortar and small arms fire against the northern and southern sectors of Jaffa from midnight until dawn. The Arab roadblock at the eastern approach to Jaffa was mortared heavily. Arab police were reported to be evacuating.

Abdullah Contradicts British

His statement was a contradiction of denials by the British Army, which said yesterday that members of the British-trained Arab Legion in Jericho were only of one company under British Army orders to Allenby Bridge.

King Abdullah earlier announced he personally had taken command of Transjordan, Syrian, Iraqi and Lebanese troops planning an early invasion of Palestine to fight Zionism.

He said today he had recalled to active service all retired Legion officers. Four Jews were killed in Jaffa yesterday.

An official report from Gaza said the Jews burned approximately 100 acres of Arab crops yesterday.

A dispatch from Tel-Aviv said the Arab lines northeast of Jaffa were broken today by Irgun Zvai Leumi combat units culminating an 18-hour battle which began yesterday afternoon.

The Jewish forces reached the sea and mopped up all of the Manshiyah area. Then they swung south down the coast toward the port of Jaffa.

Meanwhile the Hagahar offensive from the south continues and inside Jaffa 65,000 Arabs reportedly are swarming toward land outlets and the Jaffa port area.

Hassan Bey Mosque, which points at the heart of Tel-Aviv, is now held by Jews.

A Cairo dispatch said the Arab League today sent a note to the Foreign Embassies and Legations in Cairo stating the Arabs are ready to accept anything that would lead to safety for the holy places inside Jerusalem.

The note said the League would accept a truce under certain conditions.

Reliable sources said Azram pasha, the Mufti and Fawzi el Molky (Transjordan Foreign Minister) are leaving Cairo this afternoon "on an unknown destination." It is believed they are bound for Amman, capital of Transjordan, to consult King Abdullah.

In Jerusalem, Arab and Jewish sources said a truce could be achieved in Palestine within the next hours if it is imposed from outside.

These sources said a truce could not be achieved by agreement within Palestine because:

"It is reliably understood ten of the 12 members of the Arab Higher Executive are now outside Palestine."

"Both sides reluctantly admit they cannot guarantee the actions of their dissidents."

"There is no power available to halt the rapidly disintegrating administrative situation."

Hanged Jap. Prisoner's Body Found In Harbour

The badly decomposed body of what was at first thought to be a Chinese male, which was picked up by Water Police Launch No. 10 (under Sub-Inspector Chris. Pike) near Tweed Bay Island on April 25, has been identified by Mr. T. M. Pike, Supervisor of Stanley Gaoi Hospital, as that of Lt. Kawada Susuma (38), a Japanese war prisoner who was sentenced to death by a War Crimes Court on Jan. 16, and hanged on April 7.

It was first suspected by the Police that the man had been murdered as wire was tied around the neck and both hands, and was in an advanced stage of decomposition.

Britain Won Moral Victory

London, Apr. 28. The Admiralty said today that Britain scored one of the big moral victories of World War II, a battle with the Italian Fleet eight years ago which neither side won.

The engagement took place on July 9, 1940, off Calabria on the sole of the Italian boat. It was broken off with no major damage to either British or Italian ships.

But Admiral A. B. Cunningham, then British Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reported to the Admiralty. "It must have shown the Italians that their air force and submarines cannot stop our fleet from penetrating into the Central Mediterranean and that only their main fleet can seriously interfere with our operating there."

"It established a certain degree of moral ascendancy since, although, superior in battle-ships, our fleet was heavily outnumbered in cruisers and destroyers and the Italians had strong shore-based air forces within easy range, compared to our few carrier-borne aircrafts."

His appraisal of the engagement was made public today in the official London Gazette.

The British Mediterranean Fleet, consisting of four battleships, five cruisers, and 17 destroyers, was at sea to protect two convoys going from Malta to Alexandria, Egypt.

When off Calabria, the British Fleet encountered an Italian force of two battleships, 16 to 17 cruisers and 25 to 30 destroyers.

The whole action took place at long range, Cunningham said, the only hit on an Italian battleship was at 2,600 yards by a British battleship.

This might have been described as a lucky shot, Cunningham said, but if its tactical effect was to induce the enemy to turn away and break off the action which was unfortunate, but strategically it probably had an important effect on the Italian mentality.

—Associated Press.

Arms For Palestine Intercepted

New York, Apr. 28. A large cache of arms, including revolvers, rifles and machine-guns, destined for shipment to Palestine, was discovered in the loft of a building on Manhattan's lowest West side today.

The police arrested two men identified as members of the Zionist youth movement, who gave their names as Joseph Untermyer, 19, student, and Isiah Warshaw, 30, watchmaker, both New Yorkers.

The police said the four where the arms were found had been leased to Sondovitch Brothers, export-import firm. They said they had learned that Alexander Gurvitch, member of the firm, gave the youth movement permission to use the left to pack clothing and food for shipment to Palestine. Gurvitch was said to be in Paris attending the Zionist conference.

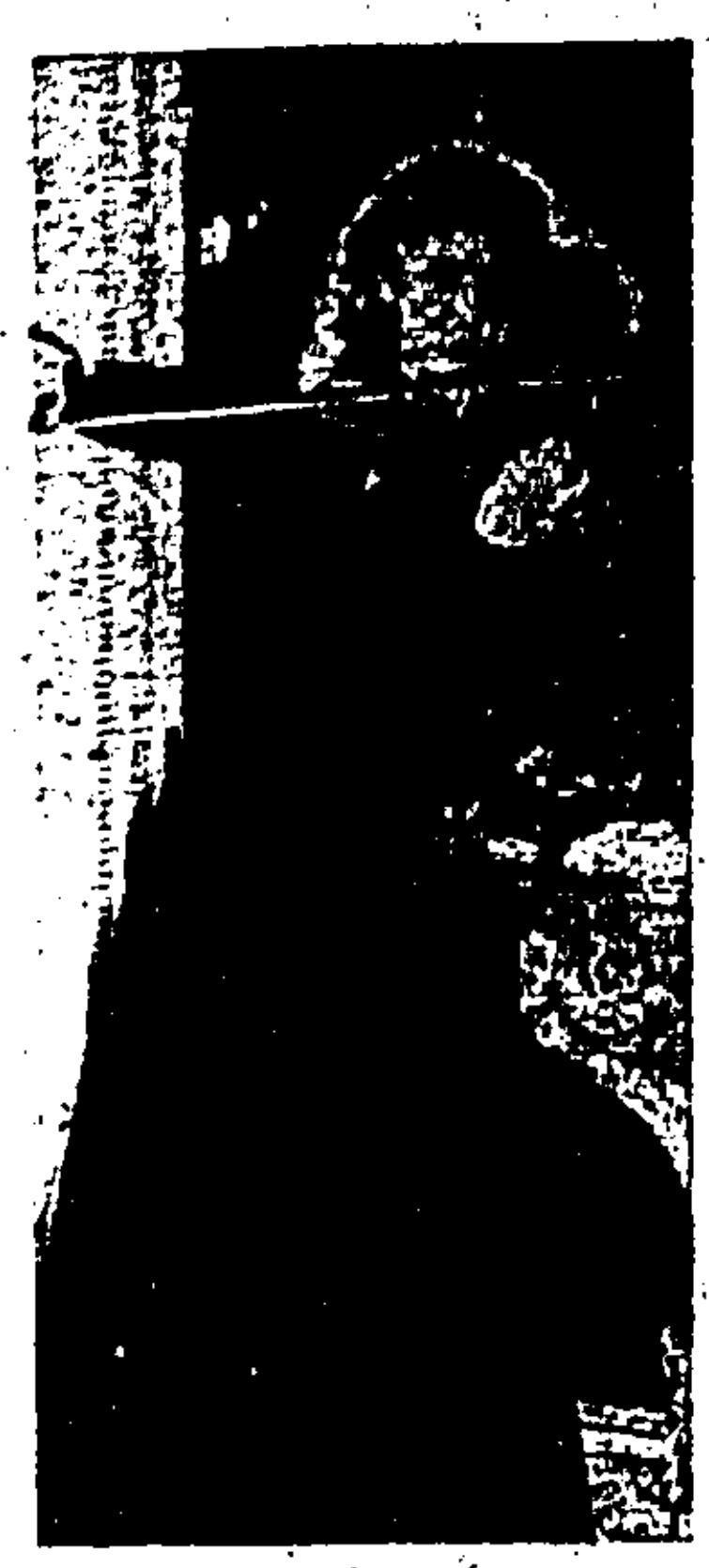
The arms and ammunition were found wrapped in bundles of clothing and food addressed to individuals in Palestine.

Both Untermyer and Warshaw denied knowledge of the arms and said they were employed only in packing the clothes and food.

—United Press.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Beauty & Talent



Mercedes Dalbos, twenty-year-old winner of the election of Miss Paris of 1948. She is also holder of the first class Diploma of the Paris Conservatoire of Music for the violin.—(A. P. Photo).

LI HEADS THIRD BALLOT FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Nanking, Apr. 28. General Li Tsung-jen, director of the Generalissimo's headquarters at Peiping, again led his other rivals although with a reduced plurality when the National Assembly resumed voting for the Vice-President today after 72 hours of political manoeuvres.

General Li, however, did not gain the required majority for election, polling only 1,158 against 1,040 for Dr. Sun Fo and 515 for General Cheng Chien.

The fourth and final ballot will be held tomorrow morning. It will be a straight fight between General Li and Dr. Sun Fo and will be decided by a simple majority. General Cheng has been automatically eliminated.

Although General Li maintained his top position in today's third ballot his lead of 110 is the smallest since the election began. He had a margin of 195 in the first ballot and 218 in the second.

Following Chang Kai-shek's personal assurance that today's election would be conducted without party instructions most delegates attended to cast their votes.

Before the balloting began General Fai Chung-hsi, Minister of National Defence, exhorted the delegates to observe the strictest secrecy in voting and to follow their own conscience and not the wishes of parties or cliques in order to eliminate past misgivings.

Voting was orderly and quicker than in the previous ballots with no untoward incident occurring. Dr. Sun Fo gained a substantial lead in the returns from the first two of 12 ballot boxes but was overtaken by General Li from the third box onward.

Although the result confirms and reflects the feeling of the National Assembly, observers here believe that Dr. Sun Fo will ultimately emerge victorious. They claim the time element has turned the tide in his favour.

General Li's victory today was not resounding as was expected. Although his total was only seven votes below his Saturday's total it is apparent that Sun Fo claimed more than 100 votes from Cheng Chien while Li also lost a few votes to Sun.

This fact, observers believe, clearly indicates tomorrow's result. General Li's last minute decision to contest the election, it is said, gained a great deal of "face" for him though this was not confirmed by today's balloting. It was found that more than 70 votes were doubtful. Of these 40 were declared valid upon closer scrutiny after Hung Long-yu, secretary-general of the National Assembly, explained that smudges due to the folding of the ballot papers had been the principal cause of illegibility.

When Sun Fo obtained nearly 40 of the "accepted" doubtful ballots one delegate questioned the results and demanded to scrutinize the papers himself.

After nearly a month's deadlock, the Kuomintang "rebel" delegates obtained their certificate for the first time today morning, according to local press reports, which added that the settlement was "satisfactory to all concerned."—Reuter-AAP.

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Queen Mary Dances Once

London, Apr. 28. Queen Mother Mary, in crinoline, last night danced only once and fled from the 3 a.m. Conga line in the halls of Buckingham Palace.

The occasion was a "family party" with 1,250 invited guests to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of King George and Queen Elizabeth.

Carroll Gibbons brought his band down from the Savoy Hotel and gave with swing music in the white and gold ballroom of the Palace.

The King danced a slow fox-trot with the Queen. Princess Elizabeth danced with the Duke of Edinburgh. The person who had the most fun was Princess Margaret.

At 3 a.m. the irrepressible Margaret led the guests in a twisting, snaky Conga line through the State Apartments. It left the Green Room and danced through the ball supper room to the State dining room, to the Picture Gallery and to the Blue dining room.

The acrobatic Buckingham Palace had seen Conga lines before, when Princess Elizabeth, inveterate party-goer, used it for her parties years ago. But last night Elizabeth was not in the Conga dance, which Palace sources termed "suspicious".

The great ballroom, scene of many brilliant pre-war courts and levees, was brilliant last night. Diamond tiaras and glittering jewels sparkled in the light of the huge chandeliers swinging from the high ceiling.

Elizabeth wore a crushed strawberry crinoline gown with a spray of roses caught at her waist.

Queen Elizabeth wore a gown of silver embroidered tulle with crinoline skirt.

Margaret wore white tulle adorned with rows of sequined daisies.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, was there and so was the Diplomatic Corps. The American Ambassador, Lewis Douglas, was impeccably in white tie and tails. So were all but one of the other male guests excepting those who wore uniforms.

Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, Gray Labourite who often does such things, was the only man present in business suit.

United Press.

Aborigines Flee Camp

Adelaide, Apr. 28. Australian aborigines, believing that evil spirits were responsible for freak births, have fled from their camp at Alice Springs in the northern territory after the birth of a two-headed baby to an aboriginal woman.

Flying-doctor L.W. Alderman said that the baby was stillborn. The heads were perfectly formed and there were two hearts.—Reuter.

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Through numbers (10 Races—\$20.) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Club Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whitsun Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits etc.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27610).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

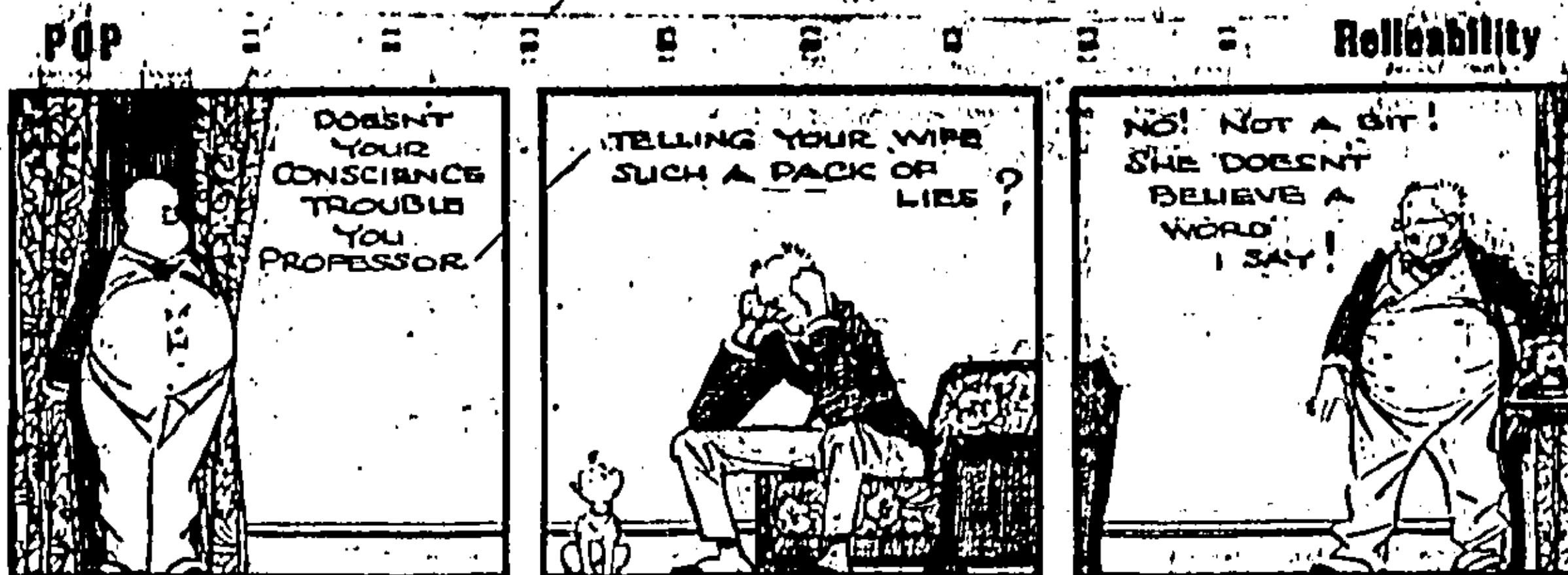
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, etc. who are not permitted to operate within the grounds of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSSES
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Race holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discretion, and to endorse the names of the holders. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' hands.

BY ORDER,
A. A. Seng,
Actg. Secretary.



FOKI CLAIMS UNLAWFUL ARREST

Complainant in the charges of unlawful detention and assault against Sub-Inspector N. A. Clarke, Det. P.C. Lau Hai-nam and P.C. Chan Po-wah was further cross-examined by defence counsel, Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, at the resumed hearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Kwan Shing, a rice stall feld, was in the box the whole day. Mr. F. W. Shaflin, O.B.E., Senior Police Superintendent and Officer-in-charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, prosecuted, while Mr. A. S. C. Comber, Mr. Remedios and Mr. Alfred Hon represented defendants.

Kwan, under cross-examination, said he knew Lee Lap, the Special Branch man, through the mistress of the rice stall. He had never met Lee before. He recalled the night of Feb. 4, witness said his mistress did not comply with the request for rice by the occupants of Patrol Car No. 473 because they had sold out and because the police had previously ordered rice and did not pay.

"I put it to you that you supplied rice for your other customers which you refused to supply to the police," Mr. Remedios suggested. "No," witness replied. The other customers arrived at the stall before the car came up. The rice given to the customers was bought from an adjacent stall.

Kwan declared that he did not know the police had ordered rice from a neighbouring stall and had paid \$4.00 for it.

He denied it was a deliberate refusal to supply the police with rice.

He admitted that the police interfered with his stall, accusing them of obstruction. Witness said he did not know of any other reason.

In the evening the car returned and he saw from a distance a European officer taking down the stall number. Lee Lap took down the numbers of the police officers and told him to help. Witness said the European officer was sitting on a cane chair and the stall licences were taken to him. When assaulted in the Finger Print Room at Central Station witness said he did not call for help, but only cried out in pain. He could not say whether his cries could be heard from the outside. Hearing was adjourned to May 3 at 2.30 p.m.

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BISHOP HALL ASKS SUPPORT FOR WORKERS' SCHOOLS

Their first objective was the building of four primary schools, said Bishop Hall, presiding at a discussion meeting on schools for workers' children at the Y.W.C.A. last evening, at which appeals were made for public support of the scheme.

Bishop Hall said that since the war Hong Kong had given schooling to about 110,000 children. There were still probably nearly as many children who ought to be in school but who had no opportunity to study.

With the help of the Education Department, the part time use of one Government School and the use of several rented flats and workers' guild rooms, they had managed to get 1,300 children into school.

They had to build within the next 12 months and planned for schools each with 500 capacity. Doubling this by morning and evening schools they would get 1,000 children taught in each school building.

They should provide recreation and other amenities of school life and he suggested that we should have some streets closed to traffic, so that they could be playgrounds for children.

Each school would cost about \$300,000, of which half would come from taxation.

The Bishop revealed that Mr. J. M. Rutledge had offered \$50,000 towards the cost of the first school, on condition that they could find other donors to subsidize the balance of \$100,000. A Chinese had given \$25,000.

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie had been encouraging and said he would try to get a school started at Hungnam in the Kowloon dock area.

Mr. M. K. Lo had agreed to be Chairman of a Committee to be called the New Primary Schools Committee. Mr. Rutledge would be Treasurer and the Rev. George She, Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Rutledge said that no small share of the responsibility for the education of workers' children fell on the Colony's business men—Chinese and non-Chinese. He had responded to the Bishop's appeal in the hope that all our captains of industry, of every race, would rally to the scheme.

It was on the skill and strength of the workers that the prosperity of Hong Kong was based. Their interests and those of their children were our responsibility.

"Until the humblest of our people can at least read a newspaper they cannot understand the rights and obligations of the citizen under a democratic government," Mr. Rutledge said.

No nation whose people were uneducated could hope to hold its place. Apart from purely humanitarian considerations it was the duty of our wealthy Chinese friends to assist towards the education of their fortunate fellowmen.

Custodian Of Values

He had suggested that the children should receive instruction in sound social doctrine as an integral part of their education.

"I should like to see Hong Kong regarded throughout the Far East as the custodian of those values which enshrine the traditional British way of life—based on freedom and justice and a profound respect for the rights of the individual and his family. Wherever the British flag flies it should carry with it the same guarantee of social justice that it carries for the English worker in his homeland."

"If the pupils of these schools are taught the principles on which this democratic way of life is based, and the application of these principles to the local social and industrial scene, there is every reason to hope that in due time they will form an elite of specialized aptitudes imbued with a sense of their mission and leaders among the workers of this Colony."

"The noxious doctrine of class war and hate will cease to poison the minds of the world's workers only when their workers, or at least their leaders, are versed in the social principles on which the democratic way of life is based, and have been taught to put these principles into practice in the everyday industry life of the community."

Very Serious Problem

Mr. M. K. Lo's declaration that the problem of education was very serious in the Colony, said that the problem could be solved in two parts—rehabilitation of buildings and colleges destroyed during the war, and accelerating the work to undertake the time lag between the war and the present.

Corroborative evidence was given by Dr. Gould as to the seriousness of the wound. Dr. Gould said that the wound was very near the heart and was committed to the Criminal, Semblable.

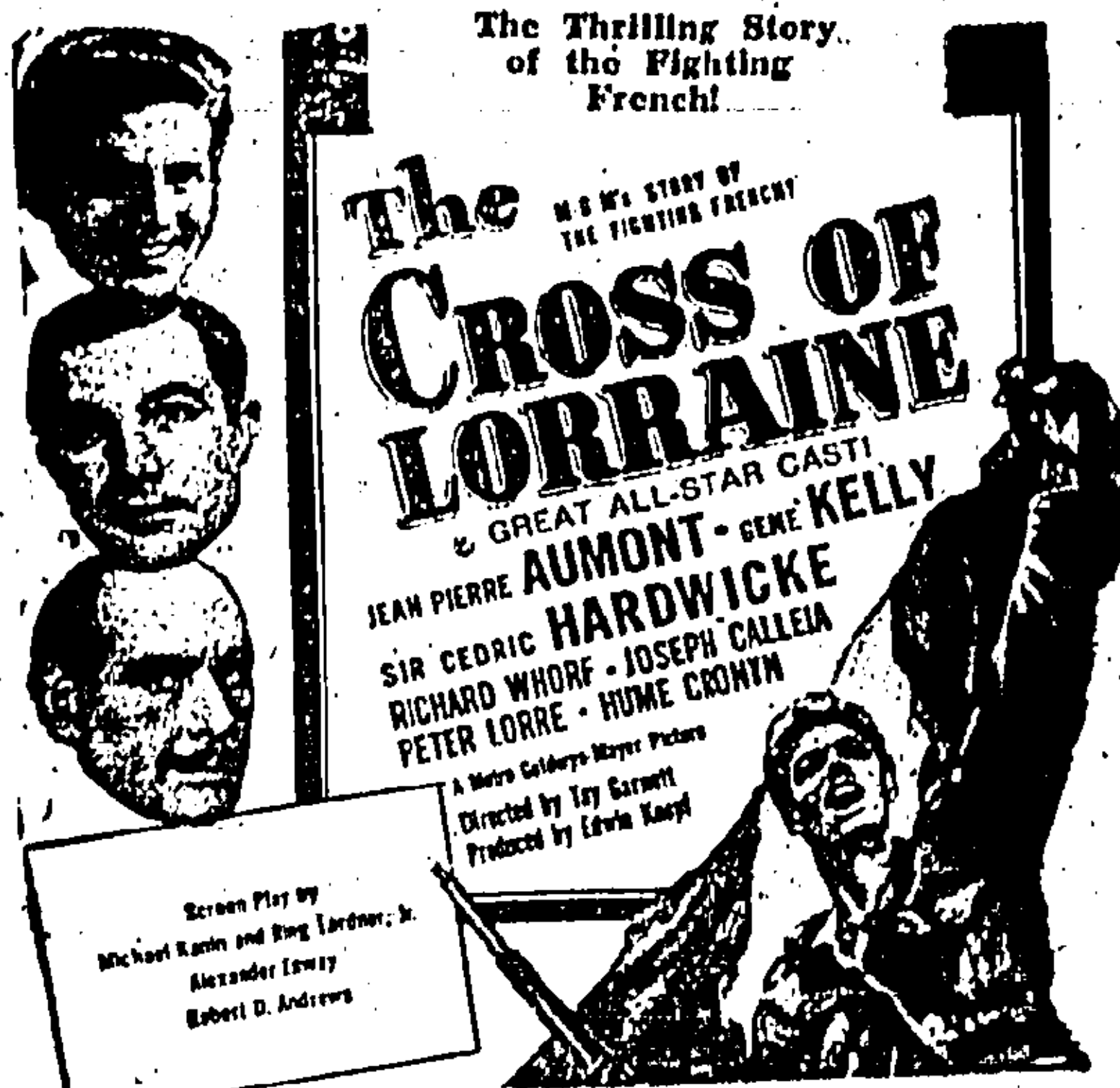
H.K. Singers Conductor Resigns

The Hong Kong Singers were sorry to learn at their last weekly practice that Miss B. M. Bickeno, their Honorary Conductor, had resigned from the position which she has held since the Society was reformed in April, 1947.

It was announced that the Society had been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Donald Fraser L.T.C.L. M.R.S.T. as their new Honorary Conductor. The future plans of the Society include "Brahm's" "Song of Destiny" and several delightful past-songs, which it is hoped to perform during June, and Brahms' "Requiem", which will be sung after the summer recess. It is hoped that the strength of the Society will be still further built up, and any member of the public who is interested in singing the best type of music is invited to attend the weekly practice held in St. John's Cathedral Hall at 3.30 p.m. every Monday evening.

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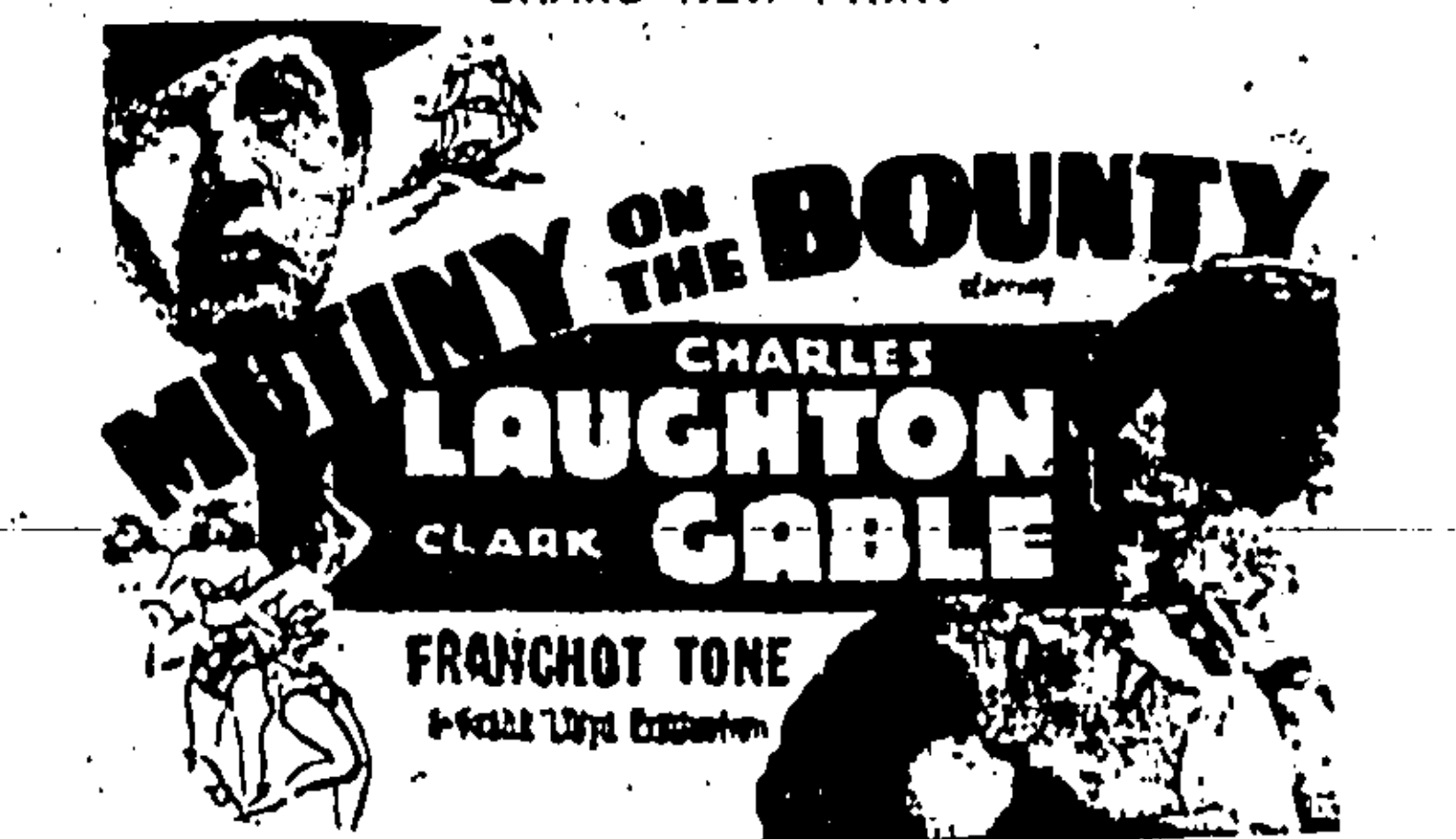


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DEBATE ON DEATH PENALTY Jowitt Not In Favour Of Suspension

"There Are Fates Worse Than Death"

London, Apr. 27.

Britain's highest legal authority, the Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt), said today that he was not in favour of suspending the death penalty. He was opening a debate in the House of Lords on a bill which includes a clause, inserted by the vote of the House of Commons against the wish of the Government, suspending the death penalty for murder for five years.

Interest in this debate, which will last two days, is mainly whether the House of Lords supports or opposes the new clause.

If they reject it, the Government is expected to support the Commons' decision. The House of Lords would then have to decide their next step.

Lord Jowitt said: "Hanging is, of course, a grim and horrible business. So is murder."

Worse Than Death

"I believe that hanging cuts down murders. Because of that, I am opposed to abolishing capital punishment. He referred to countries where capital punishment had been abolished and to countries where murderers served years in solitary confinement.

"There are fates worse than death," he said. He thought that no one in Britain would tolerate solitary confinement for years.

The recent vote in the House of Commons showed that the death penalty was repugnant to a large section of public opinion. Lord Jowitt agreed with the decision to allow a free vote in the House of Commons. Therefore the experiment would be tried.

"If, contrary to my fears, it turns out to be a success, no one will be more ready to admit his error than I. But I cannot feel at present, when we have this distressing wave of crime, with

more gangsters going about with arms than before, it is a wise moment to try the experiment."

104 Released

"It having been decided that this is the right moment, let us now go forward," Lord Jowitt declared. "I myself accept this decision."

The Lord Chancellor disclosed that 104 people convicted of murder, whose death sentences had been commuted to penal servitude for life, had been released from prison in the last 10 years.

Lord Jowitt commented that the Home Secretary—who has the power of reprieve—might, under the new system, have to keep murderers in prison longer than now. He thought a murderer whose death sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life has been released after 10, 15 or 20 years if of good behaviour.—Reuter.

H.M.S. MAURITIUS RECALLED

London, Apr. 27.

The Admiralty announced today that the cruiser Mauritius, attached to the Mediterranean Fleet for two years, has been recalled and is expected to arrive at Portsmouth on April 30.

The sloop Peacock has been ordered to visit Tobruk on April 28 to 30 for the unveiling of an Australian war memorial.—Associated Press.

May Day Message

London, Apr. 27. In a May Day message to the "working people of the world," the World Federation of Trade Unions called for a united effort to safeguard "peace, liberty, democracy and the vital interests of the working people." Moscow Radio reported today. The Federation's message said that in some countries, laws of a "fascist character" had been introduced and many trade union leaders had been arrested. But the working people were resisting these laws and new fighters were rising to carry on the struggle.—Reuter.

Six Countries Qualify

Washington, Apr. 27.

Six countries—France, Italy, Austria, Holland, Norway and Denmark—have now formally qualified for assistance under the Marshall Plan for European recovery. Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator, announced here today.

Mr. Hoffman said they had qualified by filling "letters of intention" stating they would adhere to the purpose and policy of the Economic Cooperation Administration and would conclude a bilateral agreement with the United States to that effect.

Mr. Hoffman said similar action by other countries was expected within a few days. He pointed out that, although certain food shipments were authorized to Austria, France, Greece, Italy and Holland, earlier this month, they were for emergency assistance only.

"The action announced today makes it possible to transfer assistance in a wide range of material and services to the countries qualified," he said. Shipments will now be made to these countries under "letters of intent" until July 3, after which aid will be conditional on countries concluding formal bilateral agreements with the United States.—Reuter.

RADIO

2.30 p.m.—H.M.S. Mauritius broadcast on a frequency of 445 kilocycles. From 12.30 to 2.30 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.25 megacycles. In the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—"From the Films".
1.00 p.m.—"The Ink Spots".
1.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Nothing but Music"... With the Queens Hall Light Orchestra. (O.R.B.)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome Episode 14: "Peter Duck's Road by Captain Flint (Studio)."
6.30 p.m.—La Demi-heure Francophone (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—"T.M.A. With Tommy Handley (B.B.C.T.S.)."
7.45 p.m.—"Plano Social by Freda Black (Studio)."
8.15 p.m.—Talk—"The R. A. F. and its Future" by Air Marshal Sir Hugh P. Lloyd, K. B. E., C. B. M. C., D. F. C., Commander in Chief, Air Command, Far East.
8.30 p.m.—Andre Kotalanta and His Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.18 p.m.—Book Reviews: Reinhold Obert (Studio).
9.30 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Stars Club Production from the Seamen's Mission, "Things that go Bump in the Night" by Clifford Davies.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Chabrier: "Cello" — Ballet Music, London Philharmonic Orch.
10.30 p.m.—Dance to Billy Thorburn's "The Organ Dance Band and Me".
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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8 Rules To Foil Kidnappers

Berlin, Apr. 27. Eight rules, designed to frustrate kidnapping attempts, were laid down for Berliners today by the American-licensed "Der Tagespiegel" and the British-licensed "Sozial Demokrat".

The Sozial Demokrat also reported another alleged kidnapping in Berlin on Monday. Describing the incident, the newspaper said that a man was pursued through the streets by two Germans closely followed by a motorcar with Soviet registration numbers. When the Germans shouted: "That is the man," two Russians in uniform and another in civilian clothes jumped from the car and dragged the man into it.

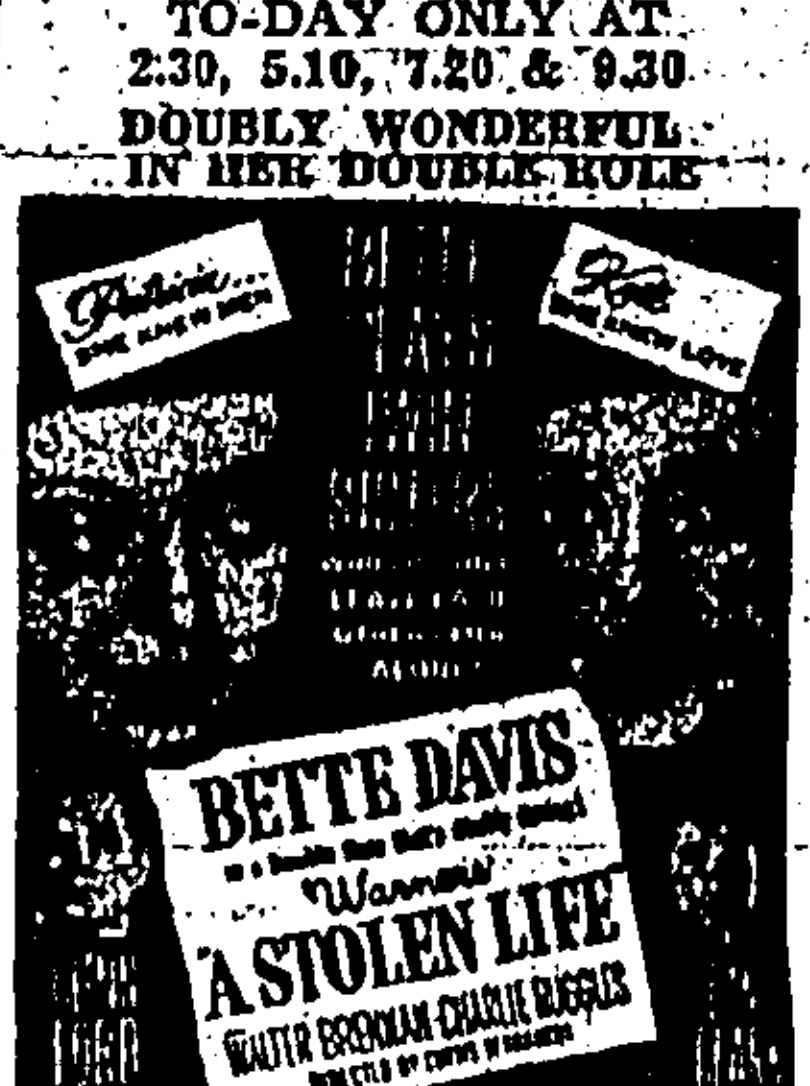
Two German police officers who witnessed the scene were prevented from interfering by a Russian who threatened onlookers with a pistol.

Among the rules laid down by the papers were: "Do not allow strangers to enter your flat and do not visit the flats of strangers; ask a policeman to produce his arrest warrant, his identity card and take note of his number; if you suspect you are being kidnapped, call for help from neighbours or passersby, struggle or try to contact the police by phone, your message will automatically be passed to the military police."—Reuter.

QANTAS RECORD

London, Apr. 27. A Qantas Empire Airways Constellation has established a civil air liner record by flying 2,220 miles from Cairo to Karachi in six hours and 48 minutes. The plane achieved the record during the London to Sydney run.—Reuter.

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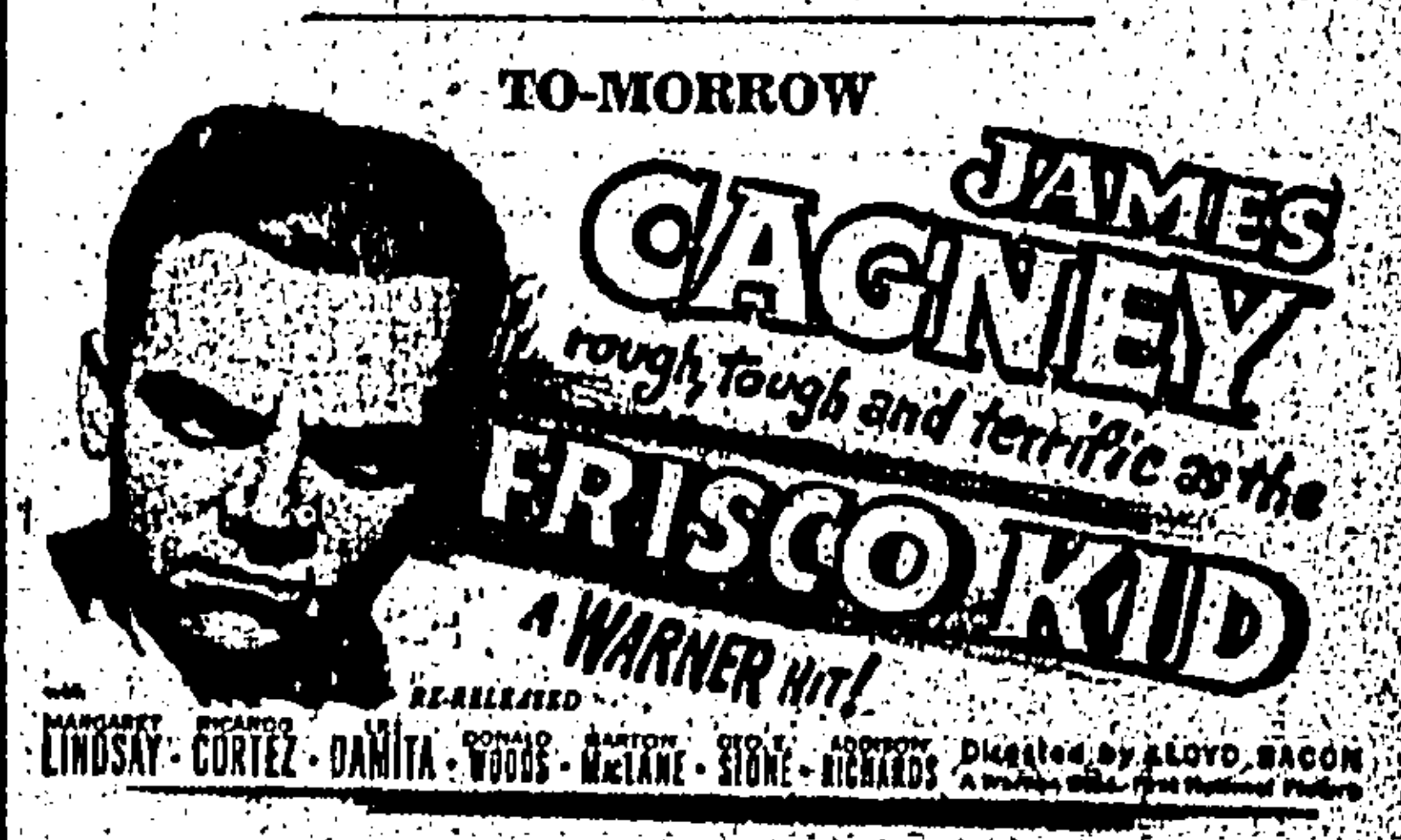
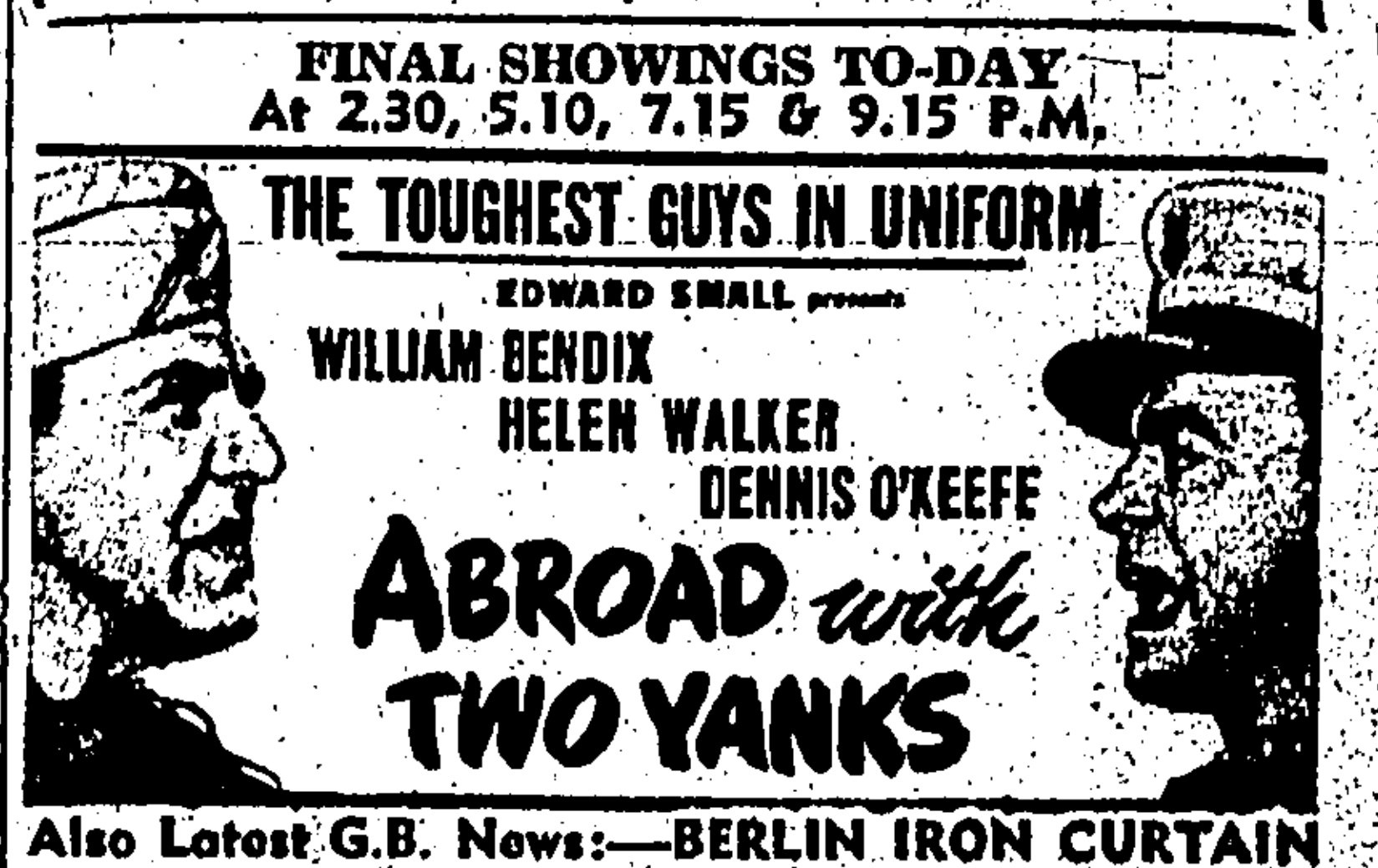
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S. J 10 9 5 4
H. A 8 5 3
D. K Q 9
C. 9
S. A 6
H. Q 4
D. A Q J
C. 10 8 4 3 2
S. 2
H. J 10 9
D. 7 6 2
C. K 6
S. K Q 8 7 3
H. K 4
D. A J 3 2
C. 7 5

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 S 2 NT 3 S 4 H
4 S 4 NT 5 S Pass
Pass Dbl Rdbl
West—what might be called a "ground and lofty tumbler" among bidders—made his two bids of No Trumps as barriers against his opponents, hoping they would double and make him run out in Clubs, then double the Clubs. When they didn't fall for it, he decided they bid for him as he did was partly because his own haywire bidding made them think his hand was weaker defensively than it actually was. That's why he doubled them—that coupled with his partner's single bid which indicated some probable defensive ability.
When North redoubled, West decided that stern measures were necessary in the play, especially since he was subjected to severe glares from across the table. So he started by leading the singleton Q of his partner's heart suit. When that was won in the dummy, the spade J was sent to his A.
Now West put on his thinking cap. If he could only get East in the lead, a heart ruff would beat the contract. The only high card out of sight which could make South's bidding completely sound was the diamond A, so he doubtless held it. East's only chance therefore to have a high card was the club K. Hoping for that, West led the club 2. When the K won and the heart J was ruffed, the winning partnership was restored.

Tomorrow's Problem
S. K Q 7 5 3
H. Q 6 5
D. 10 7 3
C. 9 2
S. 10 8 4
H. A J 8 3
D. 9 6 5 2
C. K
S. 6
H. 9 4 2
D. Q J 4
C. J 10 8 4 3
S. A J
H. K 10 7
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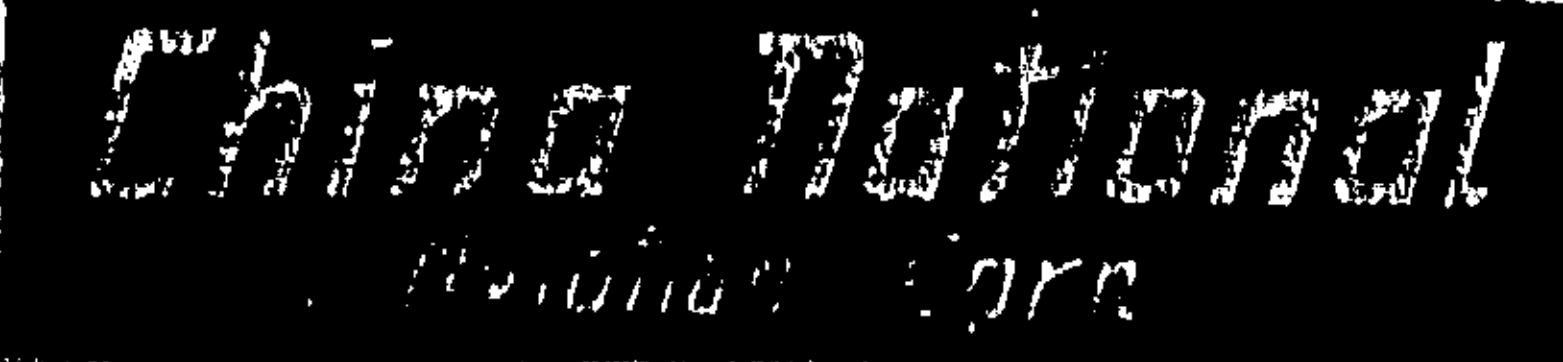
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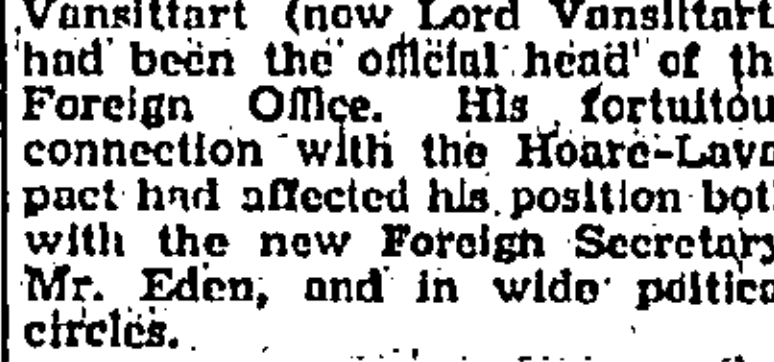


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Union of the three zones, both politically and economically, with adequate Allied control for security purposes" is, therefore, clearly desirable. But for the uniting of the zones there must be agreement between the three Powers upon the character of what will, in effect, be a constitution for Western Germany.

And so far there has not been agreement. Roughly speaking, the French would like a more decentralised



CARNIVAL

WARSHIPS FOR CHINA

Canton, Apr. 27.

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and Britain and the British Commonwealth and other nations; but the Indian Constituent Assembly has still to decide this question which would "ultimately depend on the world situation and various other factors."—Reuter.

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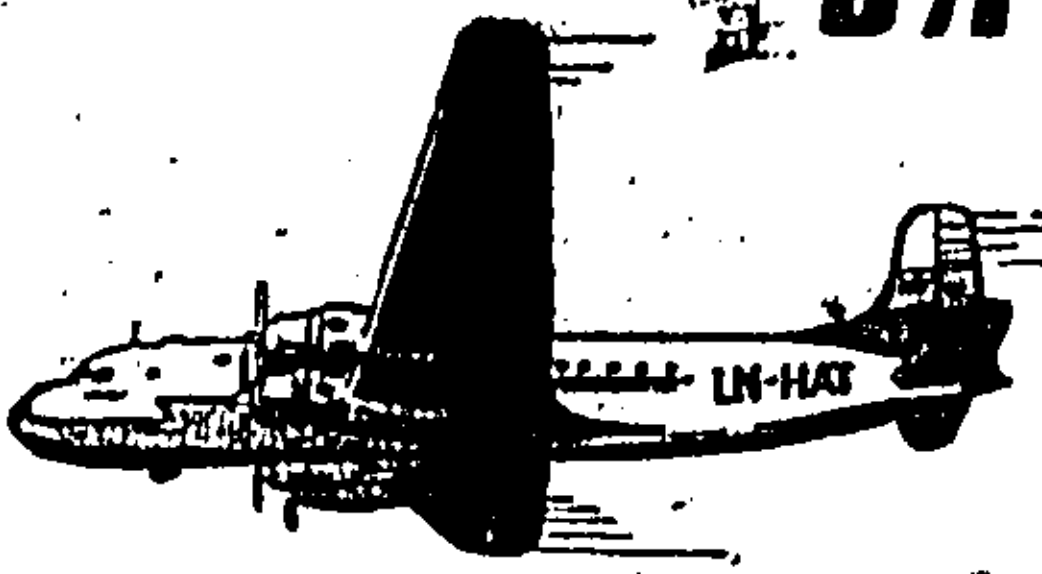
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A SIGNIFICANT BROADCAST Communist Minister On Finnish Unrest Helsinki Police On Alert

Helsinki, Apr. 27.
M. Yrjo Leino, Communist Minister of the Interior, said in a broadcast tonight: "A certain unrest characterizes Finland's political atmosphere." He added: "This tension and the abnormal conditions arising from it indicate something more involved than the ordinary prelude to a general election (to be held next July)."

"It seems our whole policy is involved. Shall we continue to develop our present peaceful democratic policy, or shall we revert to the old policy which would lead to even graver consequences than did our pre-war policy?"

"The increasing tension in the international situation has given new hope to the anti-democratic powers in our country. They now talk about a coup d'etat planned by the Left despite the fact that the Left party, which is now an important factor in the Government machinery, watches over our present policy more sincerely than any other political group."

Red Plot?

Helsinki police were alerted last night against attempts by "extremist elements" to seize

surplus war materials which Finland must send to Russia under the peace treaty.

The Social Democratic Party, reported on Sunday that Communist extremists had planned to overthrow the present Government and seize power while Finland was negotiating war reparations with Russia.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament has recommended ratification of the Finnish-Soviet treaty of friendship and mutual aid, Helsinki Radio reported today.

The treaty will probably be ratified tomorrow, it was stated.

Minister Resigns

Finland's Assistant Foreign Minister, M. Riihelma, who was a member of the delegation which concluded the military assistance pact with Russia earlier this month, is to be Finnish Minister in Switzerland. He resigned today as Assistant Foreign Minister prior to taking up his new post.

M. Svento has resigned from the People's Democrats, an extreme left wing party, of which he had been a member since its formation in 1944.—Reuter.

Bevin Sees The "Light"

London, Apr. 27.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, forecast today that Britain could put its economy on a sound basis and restore its independence within three years if it got the greatest possible value out of Marshall aid.

"I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. The question is how soon we can get through the tunnel," he said.

Mr. Bevin was making a special urgent appeal to every employer, trade union official and dock worker in Britain's ports to speed the Marshall aid shipments.

"It is a very great action on the part of America," he said. "It is all very well to talk about Americans being wealthy, but this help comes out of the taxes of the ordinary people many of whom are no better off than we are when they give part of their taxes."—Reuter.

Powers To Confer On Trade Revival

Brussels, Apr. 27.
Representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will meet here tomorrow to devise a "pump priming" scheme to revive Europe's crippled trade.

The first item on the agenda was reliably reported to be the adjustment of the balance of payments among the five powers, signatories of the Western European pact. The

Red Plot In Java

Batavia, Apr. 27.
Leaders of an alleged Communist-inspired plot for an armed uprising in Indonesia have been arrested in the East Java port of Surabaya, the Netherlands East Indies Information Service reported today.

The statement said an uprising was plotted in Surabaya, other East Java cities and the neighbouring island of Madura, and large-scale violence was averted by only a few hours.—Reuter.

Western Socialist Committee

Paris, Apr. 27.
Delegates of the five Western Socialist parties—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—today agreed on plans to establish a joint Socialist Committee with Brussels as its headquarters to act in close co-ordination with the Governments of the five-power Brussels Pact.

The Committee, which will hold its meeting on May 28, will work alongside the Permanent Consultative Committee set up by the Brussels agreement.

Its principal duty will be to organize and put forward the Socialist viewpoint within the framework of the five-power agreement. Plans for the new body were laid during the Socialist Conference held here during the week-end.—Reuter.

Hungarian Journalist's Protest

Paris, Apr. 27.
M. Francois Abraham, the Paris correspondent of the official Hungarian press agency, resigned today in protest against the nationalisation of the agency several days ago.

M. Abraham, who took part in the Communist resistance operations against the Nazis in Hungary, today published a letter in which he objected to the new journalistic policy of the agency. "I expect to be deprived of my Hungarian nationality," he said later. "My resignation followed orders transferring me to Moscow. That would have been an advancement, but I did not want it," he said.

M. Abraham added that 15 people in Hungary had been dismissed in a campaign to remove "politically unreliable" members of the staff and that the agency's representative in Switzerland had been arrested several months ago for alleged espionage.

Three weeks ago, it was stated, M. Luzzo Veder, the agency's Vienna correspondent, resigned, claiming "that he would not serve a Communist regime," and sought refuge in the American Zone of Austria.—Reuter.

European Workers In Britain

London, Apr. 27.
The Government disclosed today that 54,700 European volunteer workers have arrived in Britain.

Reporting the figure in the House of Commons, Ness Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, said that most of them are displaced persons.

The Ministry of Labour hopes to bring 100,000 European volunteer workers to Britain this year for work in the mines, in textile mills and on farms, he said.

He told the House of Commons that 35,000 of the workers will be for agriculture, about 30,000 for the coal mines and at least 20,000 for the textile mills. The remainder would be placed in other undermanned industries.—Associated Press.

BOAC PLANE'S ADVENTURE

London, Apr. 27.
A British Overseas Airways plane with 18 persons aboard landed today after circling London airport for three hours to use up excess petrol.—Associated Press.

Prosperity Ahead Unless...

Washington, Apr. 27.
The United States may enjoy several years of business prosperity unless the war scare grows worse, Dr. Erwin G. Nourse, Presidential Economic Adviser, said today.

Many believe foreign aid and preparedness prevented a 1948 business sag, he noted.

But for the long haul, the economic prospect may be termed "unfavourable," he said. And if the U.S. has to have a substantially larger military force indefinitely, purchasing power of consumers may have to be figured downward, he added.

The return to "peace side" peacetime economy has been cut off by foreign aid and the military programme, Nourse observed.

Nourse spoke before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the President's Economic Council which keeps close watch on national economic ups and downs and helps him advise Congress.

Secretary of State George Marshall told the business leaders that Britain held her dominance in world affairs over

the centuries because of continuity in foreign policy. U. S. leadership, he said, must rest on a firm, consistent and bipartisan foreign policy. Marshall also endorsed the reciprocal trade treaty programme.

Nourse said recent events have made hopes a little brighter for checking inflation. But, he said, "expanding" inflation may come with continued spending for foreign aid and defence.

He said that purchasing power may suffer even though production and employment stay high. He referred to money as measured by the goods it actually buys.—Associated Press.

problem confronting the delegates is how to keep trade moving among countries that have such sharp differences in the values of their currencies.

Financial talks were made possible under the terms of the 50-year Treaty of Alliance signed in Brussels last month. It called for the harmonization of the five countries' commerce through closer economic ties.

Financial circles in Brussels interpreted this as meaning the scrapping of the existing bilateral agreements in favour of a multilateral one.

Before this can be accomplished it will be necessary to make it possible for the five countries concerned to pay for what they buy.

Belgian financial circles expected that the talks will centre round the possibility of creating a five-power token currency, possibly backed by the American dollar; such a currency would likely be used only for purposes of trading among the five powers.

Sir Stafford Cripps and the British delegation to tomorrow's talks arrived by air from London this afternoon.

Shortly after his arrival, Cripps held preliminary discussions with Sir George Rendel, British Ambassador to Belgium.—United Press.

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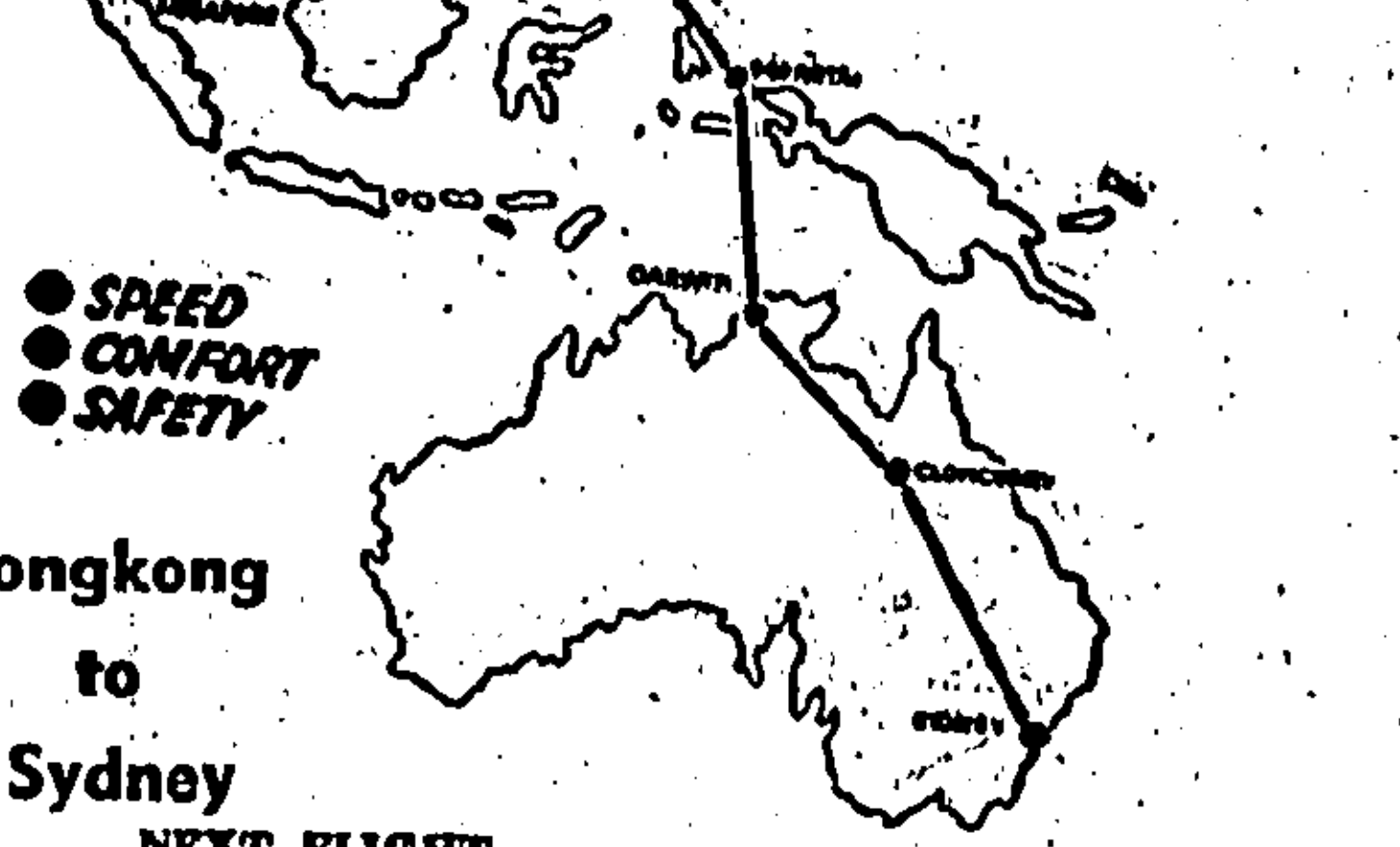
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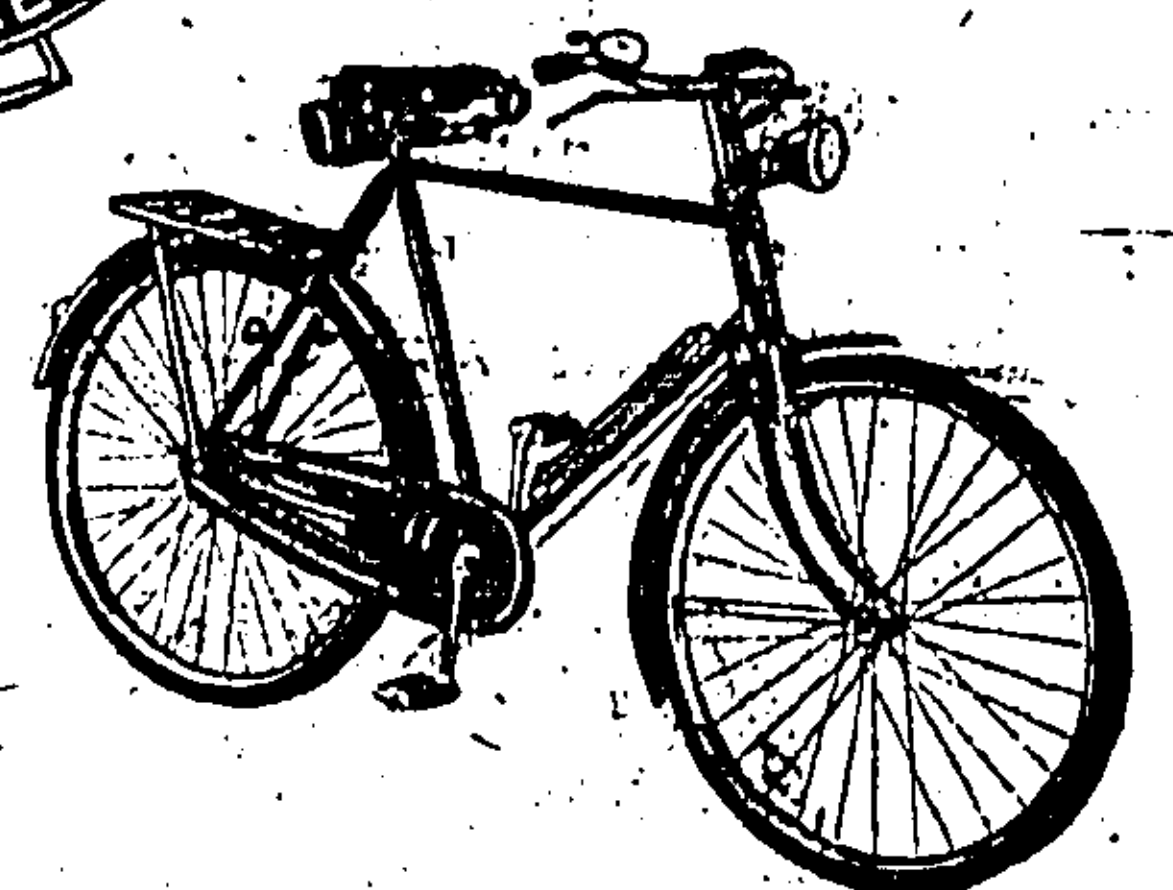


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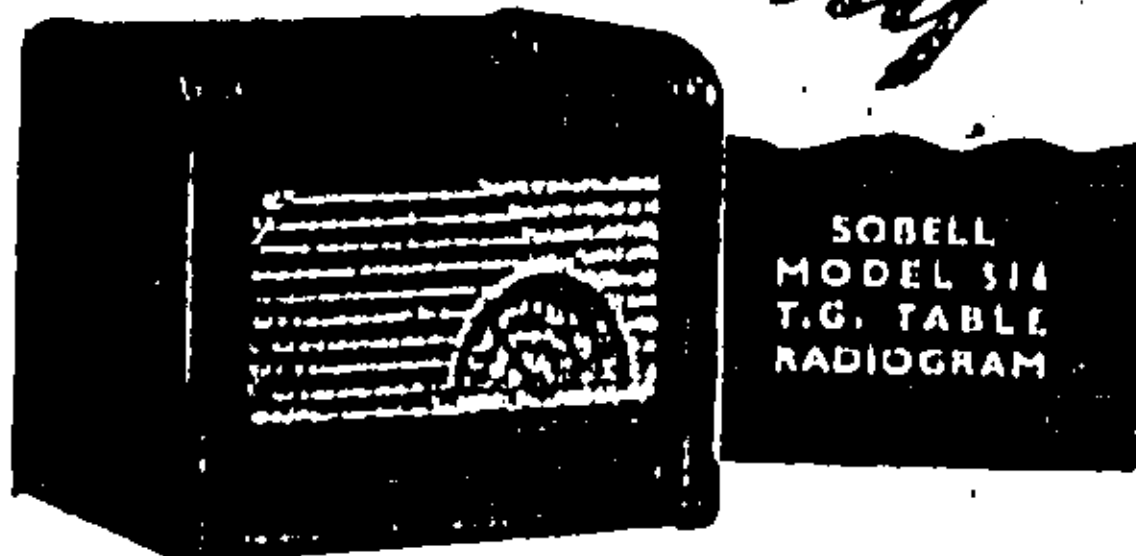
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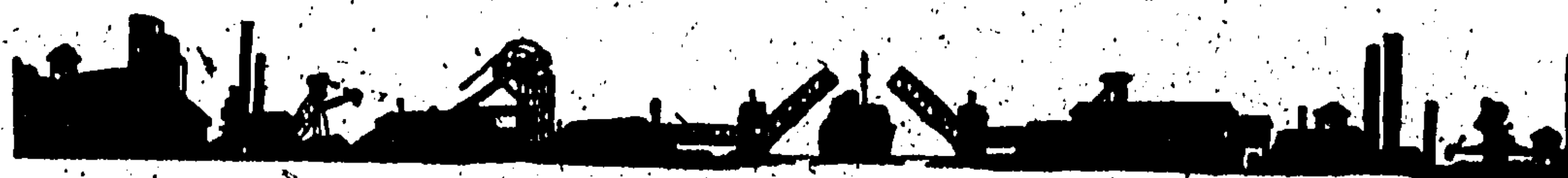
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SHELL CONCRETE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The principal features of shell concrete construction were discussed by Mr. H. G. Cousins, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., in a paper read before a meeting of the Reinforced Concrete Association held at the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Following is a summary of the speaker's remarks:—

The essential feature of shell concrete construction is the use of suitably stiffened thin concrete surfaces to span large areas. The use of members subject to bending is uneconomical, since only the extreme fibres of the section can be stressed to the allowable limits. In shell construction the roof covering itself is used to transmit loads to the supports. It does this by means of direct forces lying wholly within the surface of the roof. For this reason the dead-weight does not increase appreciably as spans become larger, the thickness of the shell being determined by considerations of buckling. This is of particular importance in large span structures where the dead-weight is often a considerable portion of the local weight to be carried.

Loading Tests.

Many loading tests have been carried out on shell roofing, both on models and on full size structures. The deflection measured shows clearly that these roofs act in accordance with theoretical calculations.

Such tests have been made both with uniform load over the whole barrel or with a load on one side only of the arch. One such test carried out on a model 40 ft. long, 15 ft. wide, with a shell thickness of 1 1/16 in. was to apply 62 lb. per sq. ft. on one side only of the barrel without any cracking being observed. Under each a loading the usual type of arch construction would have failed.

To allow for temperature movements in shell roofs, joints must be provided in all straight members at suitable intervals, depending upon the flexibility of the supporting columns. Such straight members are the shell in the direction of the generating lines, the edge beams and also the end frames. If these are straight, these considerations limit the length of a barrel between end frames to about 200 ft. A series of parallel barrels can thus provide a clear floor of up to 200 ft. wide and of indefinite length. If clear spans greater than 200 ft. are required, it is necessary to use the short barrel type supported on end frames of arch form having sufficient flexibility. Again, an indefinite length can be covered without columns obstructing the clear width thus obtained.

Whilst the arch form sheds rainwater quickly from the surface and the shape and flexibility of the structure minimise cracking, it is not possible to guarantee the roof to be entirely free from haircracks, which might allow rain to penetrate. Waterproof coverings are therefore necessary for roofs which must be impermeable. Either roofing felt or asphalt may be used.

The problem of heat insulation of shell structure is similar to that of a normal reinforced concrete roof. The smaller thickness of slab used makes little difference to the heat transmission. Without adding any insulating material, the heat transmission would be about 0.8 BTU/sq. ft./per hour/deg. F. Where additional resistance is required any of the standard methods can be adopted. One of the simplest is the use of building board as permanent shuttering on the underside. Half-inch soft board will reduce the transmissions by half.

Roof lighting can be incorporated either in the form of patent glazing or concrete and glass lights. These can be of almost any size and shape. While they can be placed in any position, it is usually most convenient and efficient to put them at the crown of the barrel.

Patent glazing allows more light to enter than glass lenses, but the latter are valuable in that they diffuse the light more evenly. The good quality of the lighting is a particular feature of shell buildings, which are free from the members and other obstructions. The reduction in lighting area necessary is useful in reducing heat losses. An area of lighting equal to 1/4th of the floor area is sufficient for most purposes.

Ventilation

Louvers can be incorporated in the design of the roof limits to provide natural ventilation. This can also be achieved by louvered panels in the end frames or standard type extracts through the roof.

Normal concrete and concreting methods can be adopted for shell work. Three-quarters of an inch aggregate is suitable, although the maximum size is often reduced to 1/2 in. for the roof slabs. Grading and type of aggregate should be selected to ensure good workability, as many of the section are small. Highgrade cement is usually called for. For small spans a 1:2:4 mix is sufficient, but for large spans richer mixes are used.

And in the majority of concrete work, normal mild steel round reinforcement is usually the simplest to use. The fixing is easy and relatively cheap, although at first glance the detailing appears

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Top picture shows the Pyroco treated side of a structure stands undamaged, although the petrol-soaked furniture in it has burned away. The untreated side has collapsed completely gutted. Below is shown the technique of building a Pyroco wall.

complicated. Much of the reinforcement is in straight lengths and in the shell slab the small diameter bars used can be curved on the roof as they are fixed. Several layers of reinforcement are used in the slab, some to take the bending stresses in the shell, while normally trajectory bars are used following the lines of the principal tensile stresses. Where the latter are small, it is possible to reinforce with a mesh of steel, but this is not appreciably cheaper, and is less useful in preventing cracks.

Clean Lines

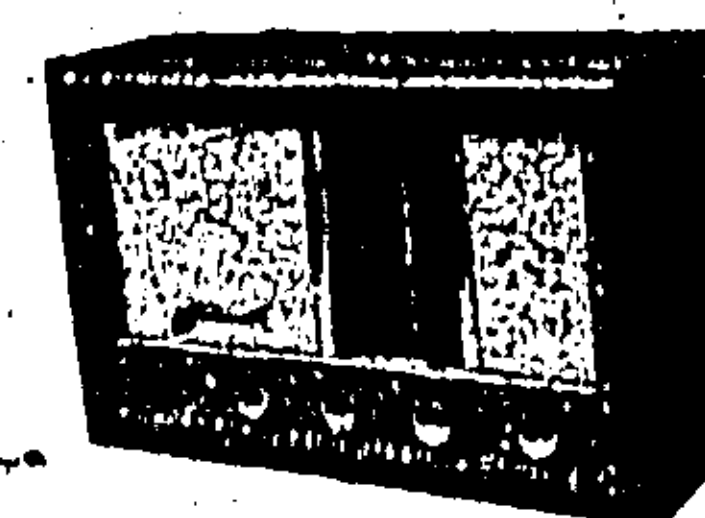
Although shell construction can be used with any structural material, it is the only method by which large areas can be covered economically with concrete. A concrete shell structure has all the attributes of concrete construction such as permanence, strength against accidental damage, resistance to fire and lack of upkeep costs. The clean lines which may be obtained have both psychological and hygienic advantages. No greater constructional height is needed than with other forms of construction. Good lighting and insulation can readily be obtained. Point loads applied to the structure are not a danger as with many other types of roof. Economy of material is obtained, especially steel as compared with the weight necessary for a steel structure. No special materials or methods of construction, other than those normally used in reinforced concrete work, are necessary. Whilst the designs should be entrusted to an engineer specialising in the design of such structures, the work on the site can be carried out by any reputable contractor used to dealing with reinforced concrete work.

As the possibilities of shell construction are becoming more widely known, increasing interest is being shown in its development for many types of building. Present conditions restrict many projects, but the low steel weight required for shell construction compared with that for steel de-

signs has enabled a number of buildings to proceed. The factor which ensures the extended use of shell in the future is the pleasing, often impressive, appearance of the completed structure, which renders it attractive both to the designer and building owner.

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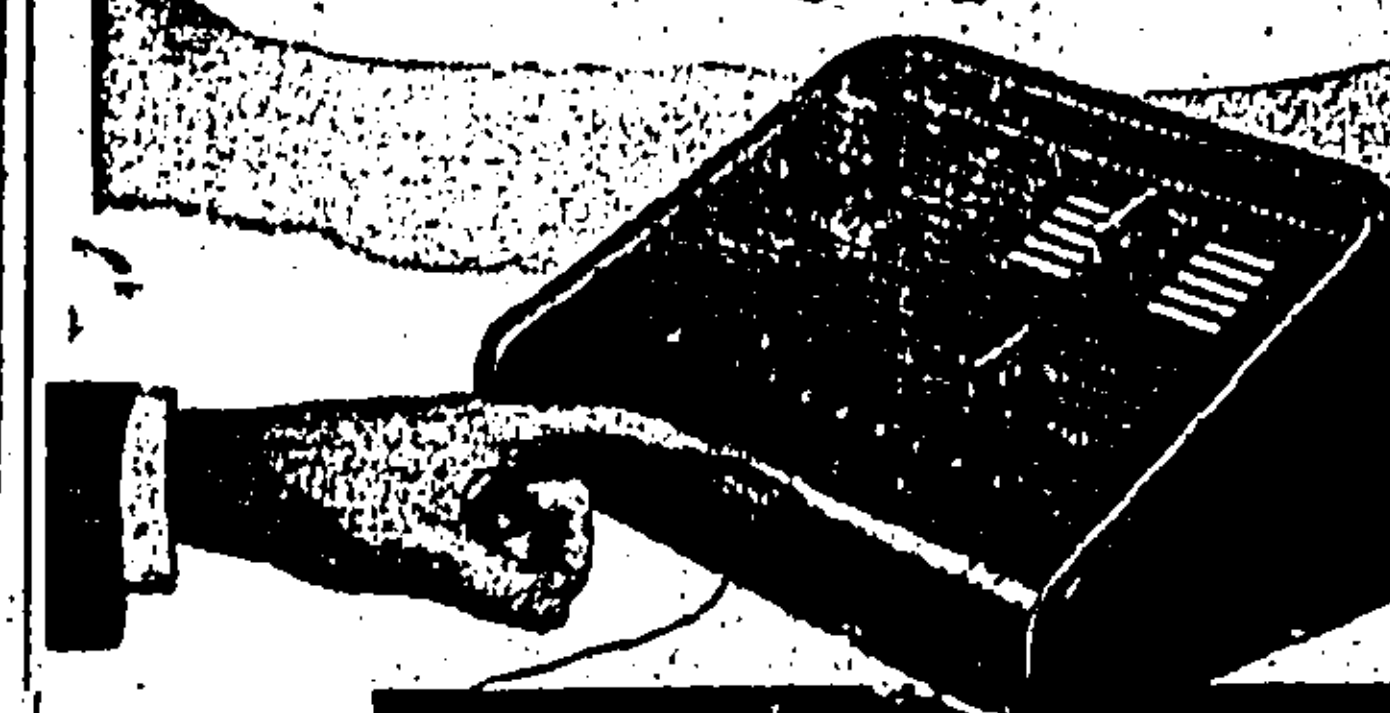
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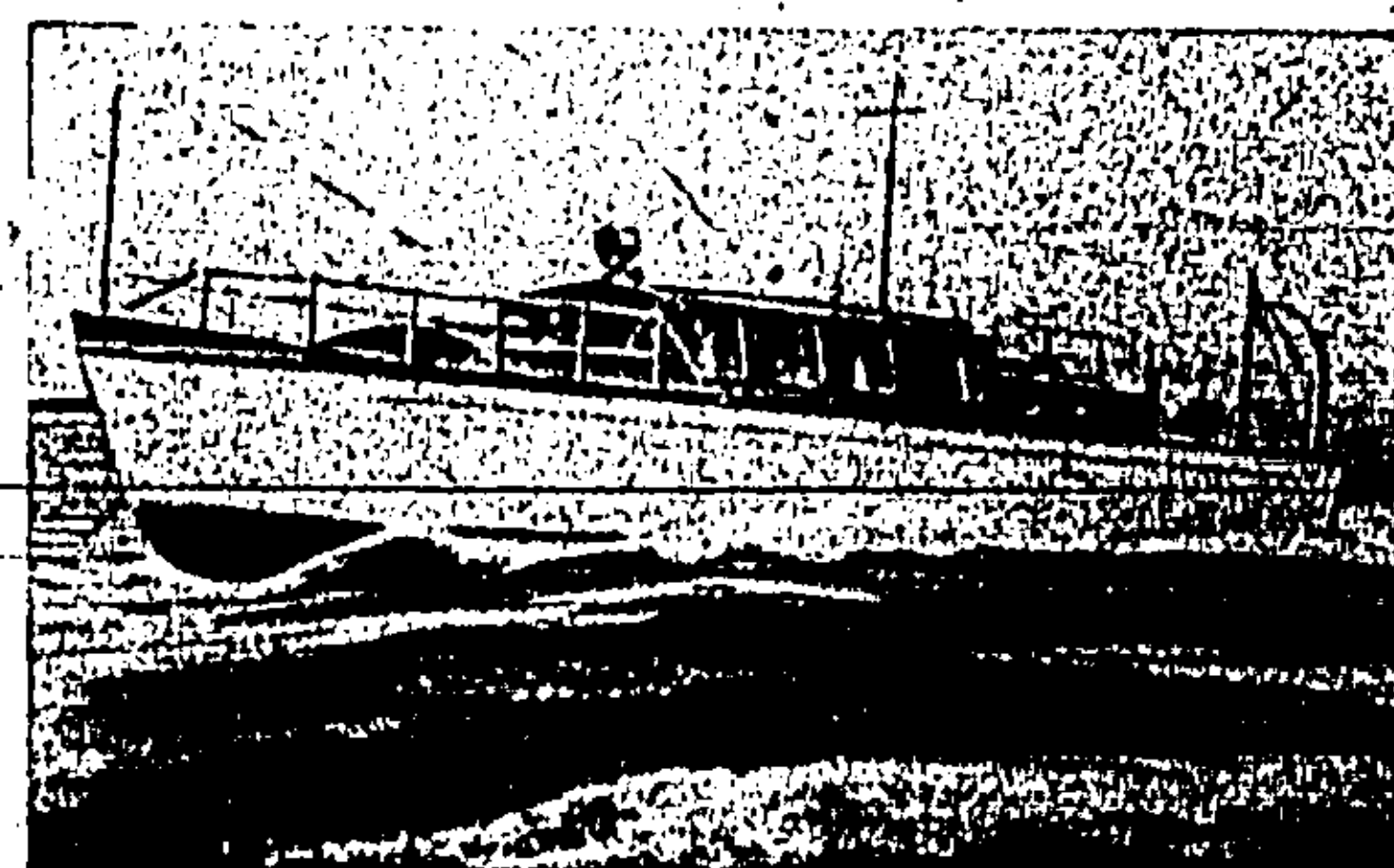
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Conflicting News
From Palestine

Jerusalem, Apr. 27.

Troops of King Abdullah's British-trained and
equipped Arab Legion dug in tonight on both
sides of Allanby Bridge, the invasion gateway
from the Transjordan Kingdom into Palestine,
18 days before the end of the British mandate.Cairo reports talked of an imminent invasion by regu-
lar Arab armies while in Tel Aviv, the Jewish
defence force, Hagannah, announced it had
reached agreement with the terrorist Irgun Zvai
Leumi for cooperation in military operations.Cairo observers, commenting
on the military pact signed at
the Transjordan capital of
Amman yesterday by Syria,
the Lebanon, Iraq and Trans-
Jordan, foresaw a three-pronged
attack on the Irgun and Ha-
gannah Jewish armies, with
Egypt contributing warplanes
and ships for a blockade of the
Palestine coast.The agreement between Hag-
annah and Irgun Zvai Leumi came
after all-night talks in Tel Aviv.One immediate result is ex-
pected to be that Hagannah will
now take part in the fighting at
Jaffa, where Irgun has been in
action for the past three days.
Irgun continue their operations
at Jaffa today, renewing their
slow advance against the all-
Arab seaport under the cover of
a mortar barrage.

Attack "Soon"

Iraq has agreed to give full
military cooperation to "save the
Arabs in Palestine," it was re-
portedly learned in Baghdad to-
night, as reports from Cairo said
Arab countries were pressing on
with their "war plans to invade
the Holy Land as soon as British
renounces her mandate."The Baghdad reports said
regular armies of the Arab
League member states would
start a general attack on Pale-
stine "soon."Movements of the Iraq Army
and Air Force are to be kept
secret for the present, it was
stated.The official report on the situ-
ation in Transjordan from Sir
Eric Kirkbridge, Minister in
Amman, which reached London
yesterday, denied press reports that
King Abdullah had "declared
war" on Zionism and that regu-
lar troops of the Transjordan
Army had crossed the frontier
into Palestine and occupied
Jericho.The report also discounted the
possibility that a concerted move
against the Jews in Palestine
would be made shortly by
other states of the Arab League.

Egyptian Move

Egypt, the strongest of the
Arab States, was reported in
Cairo to have sent Army
detachments to the Palestine
frontier "for training."The Egyptian Government news-
paper, Al Assiut, said the detach-
ments had gone to the frontier
"pending the decisions of the
Arab Governments." The Op-
position Egyptian paper, Al
Balagh, reported that "Egyptian
troops will enter Palestine terri-
tory on Friday," but this was
discounted by well-informed
quarters in Cairo.Responsible Government and
Arab League quarters also dis-
counted the statement from an
official Arab source in Damascus
last night that King Abdullah's
Legion had actually "declared
war on Zionism."Doubts about Egyptian Army ac-
tion was supported by today's re-
port in Al Assiut that the Egyp-
tian Defence Ministry would
"allow Army officers,
NCOs and men to volunteer for
service in Palestine."It was felt that if Egypt in-
tended to send her Army she
would not disorganise her units
by permitting individuals to
volunteer.

Arab Strategy

Egyptian Government spokes-
men refuse to give any indication
of the Arab plan of campaign on
the ground that it is a military
secret. There are confusing re-
ports as to the parts the regular
armies of member states of the
Arab League—there are seven—
will play in the expected invasion
of Palestine.The general opinion is that the
Arab Legion, some units of which
are performing security duties inPrincess
SentencedBrussels, Apr. 27.
Princess Alexandra Obolen-
sky, 32-year old Russian
princess, was sentenced to
eight years imprisonment by a
military court today for
trading with the German
Army during the war.
She was described in evi-
dence as being the head of a
gang of seven collaborators
who sold £1,500,000 worth of
woolen goods and liquors to
the Germans. Her share of
the profits was stated to have
been £51,000.—Reuter.Trustee
Proposal
Decision

Lake Success, Apr. 27.

The United Nations Political
Committee today agreed
to discuss the United States
proposal for trusteeship in
Palestine. The decision was
taken by a vote of 38 to seven,
with seven abstentions.M. Andrei Gromyko, of Rus-
sia, led the opposition to discus-
sion of the American proposal,
which was still in the form
of a working paper.South Africa, Belgium, Brazil,
Norway and Siam all argued in
favour of consideration of the
plan. Britain, Australia, Chile,
Guatemala, Bolivia, Venezuela
and Uruguay abstained from
voting.The Soviet Union, the Ukraine,
Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugo-
slavia, Czechoslovakia and Haiti
voted against.Uruguay proposed that, owing
to the lack of information on
trusteeship, a sub-committee
should be appointed for discus-
sions with the Palestine Com-
mission, Britain, the Jewish
Agency and the Arab Higher
Committee for Palestine. The
sub-committee should report back
to the Political Committee, he
said.The Political Committee then
adjourned until tomorrow.—Reu-
ter.

KNUDSEN DEAD

Detroit, Apr. 27.

The death of Mr. William S.
Knudsen, a former Danish im-
migrant who organised Ameri-
ca's industrial front during the
war, was hastened by his
tremendous efforts in building
up wartime production, his
friends said here today.Mr. Knudsen, who was 69,
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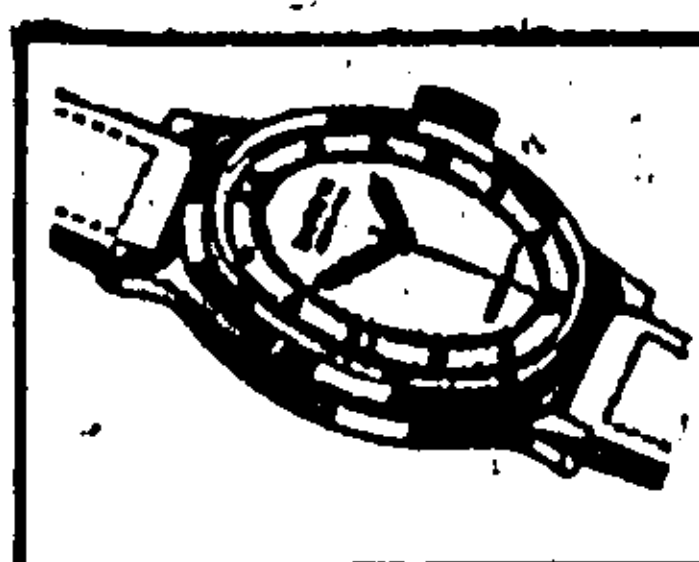
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Seafarers' Festival

Members of the Chinese community, particularly sailors and those whose livelihood is connected with the sea, will observe the birthday of the Goddess of Heaven (Tin Hau) on Saturday, May 1.

The Goddess of Heaven is the patron saint of all Chinese seamen, and shrines, dedicated to this deity, are situated at different points along the China Coast.

It is commonly believed by Chinese seamen that Tin Hau possesses the power to calm stormy seas. It is not uncommon to see Chinese seamen on board a vessel leaving port burning paper offerings at the stern to Tin Hau.

On Tin Hau's birthday, many Chinese in Hong Kong will make a pilgrimage to Tseung Wan outside Lyemum Pass, where a large Goddess of Heaven Temple is situated.

The Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Co., Ltd., will run special ferries, while numbers of junk boats, bedecked, will also make the trip.

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Directors present were: D. F. Landale (Chairman), Messrs. H. D. Benham, L. Kadoorie, M. K. Lo, N. C. Marsh, A. C. Offenberg, A. H. Penn, R. K. Valentine, T. B. Wilson (Directors) and C. E. Terry Secretary.

The chairman said: "During the year, we handled a total of 634 vessels, which discharged 646,000 tons of cargo. Although the total is slightly less than for 1946, the number of vessels shows an increase of just over 50%, which is a satisfactory indication of post-war re-establishment of merchant shipping.

"We are still able to turn a ship round in Hong Kong quicker than in most other ports.

"The reduction in cargo thefts and pilferage has been maintained, and the reputation of Hong Kong in this respect today is higher than any other Far Eastern Port and compares favourably with any port in the world.

"We are continuing to give strict attention to this important question and the security measures which have been achieved this year will not be relaxed.

"Our launch and lighter fleet has also been well employed during the year. By acquiring new craft we have kept up the strength of the fleet at 71 craft, although it has not yet been possible to reach our pre-war strength of 120 lighters.

"Cargo handling gear has been fitted to many of our craft and this together with our modern fleet of motor-launches, has contributed materially to the speed at which transshipments can be effected.

"Our twin screw tug 'Kowloon' recovered from Canton, was placed in service after extensive reconditioning and modernisation in October, and a new launch has been acquired to take the place of our old 'Penguin' which was finally located in Canton, but sold as being unfit for our service.

"Our launch fleet now consists of eight up-to-date vessels, only one less than our pre-war figure, and with this fleet and our lighter capacity of 7,000 tons of cargo, we are in an excellent position to provide efficient and rapid facilities for shipment or transhipment under expert supervision, despite heavy expenses in the upkeep of craft, our rates still compare favourably with those of our competitors.

"The general rehabilitation of your properties has progressed very satisfactorily, and the scars of war are progressively disappearing. The reconstruction programme is well in hand.

"Reconstruction of No. 25-A transit shed was completed at the end of the year, and this valuable asset was immediately put into operation, releasing 7,000 tons of space in our storage godowns for its rightful use. Another prefabricated godown of 6,000 tons

new shares authorised at the extraordinary meeting on Aug. 1947 had been taken up at Dec. 31 1947; the balance of 1,348 Shares have since been allotted and the position with regard to the new issue today is that 49,200 fully paid shares have been taken up and 40,710 partly paid, the balance due on these latter shares being payable on June 30 next.

"Part of the proceeds of the new issue has been applied in liquidation of our bank overdrafts. Our cash balance includes an amount deposited with the bank against interest on pre-war overdraft. The actual amount cannot be determined until the legislation governing such transactions is completed, but our maximum liability in this direction will probably be about \$300,000 and is provided for in general contingencies account.

"Capital expenditure during the year was \$1,088,000 and rehabilitation expenditure was \$1,374,000 a total of \$2,462,000 while commitments in respect of reconstruction and replacements constitute a contingent liability of approximately \$1,400,000. In addition to these commitments further heavy expenditure will be necessary before our reconstruction programme can be completed.

"Until this morning the position in regard to our claim for war losses remained unchanged, but you will no doubt have read in the Press the latest developments, the effect of which on your Company will now have to be considered by the Board.

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"Things That Go Bump" Ha

Not Enough "Bumps"

My main quarrel with this pleasant little comedy thriller was that there were not nearly enough "Bumps". I longed to have my narrow chilled and my blood curdled, and when the stage was conveniently left dark in Act II and the whole company trooped off to bed, my hopes quickened.

But alas, the bump was over all too quickly, the lights blazed and everyone rushed on again in dressing gowns, and back we went to Brenda, the pretty parlor maid, and her love affairs, which had occupied quite a lot of Act I. Yes, I am inclined to suspect that Brenda really stole the play. For she really came alive and as played by Maria Freymann (John Randall) who turned up before dinner in this innocent house-party to meet (in strict secrecy and with everyone's knowledge) the breezy Lieut. Commander and to entrust to him (how clever of you to guess) Plans for a Secret Weapon.

Conventional Comedy

Another slight distraction from the plot was Brenda's father, played with great gusto by James Shaw, a pleasantly disreputable old bachelor, who, without going to the lengths of the famous Mr. Doolittle, was all out for any unconsidered trifles that might be picked up as a result of Brenda's taking ways. His necessity in the unravelling of the final mystery was slight; but he, the village policeman (Hubert Clark) and the butler provided some hearty conventional comedy in dialect that boomed uncertainly from pure Cockney via Hansi Dorset to deepest Zamburzel. The comedy (Pete Levett and James Partridge) both spoke purest B.B.C.

Of the rest of the large cast Alex Roys did his best to be a suitably irascible Admiral Sir Herbert Plumpton; Clifford Davies as Major General Sir Frank Plumpton R.M. (retired) had too few opportunities to assert the merits of the Marines; and Neil Deneghe-Maxwell made a decorative and gentle bishop. Ethyl Holmes Brown as Lady Edith Plumpton poured oil on family bickering and sent messages to the Butler and the Cook with the frequency of a busy bee.

For the good old days, Monimia Lieut. Commander Freddie (Grant MacIntyre) bounded about the stage, struck perfect attitudes, caused wrong doors to quell before his eye and never left for a moment in doubt of his meaning. Ralph Tozer was a persuasive butler, but may one suggest that his physique is more suited to the feeble style of gentleman's gentleman than to the more full-blooded Crichton model that he adopted. But all in all it was Brenda's night out.

The production was a trifle slow at times but pepped up once it got under way, and a large audience which was honoured by the inclusion of H. B. the Governor and Lady Grantham gave this last play of the season a most cordial reception.

Must Do Better

But—and we must say it—if the Hong Kong Stage Club is to keep up its good reputation as the main provider of serious theatre in the Colony it really must do better than this. The set was furnished like a suburban dentist's waiting room and it would take more than a pair of stage antlers on the wall to turn it into the sort of "lounge" large enough to house a butler and two footmen to say nothing of the "house party." If such an inadequate stage must be used, plays should be chosen to suit it, and above all some creative imagination brought to bear on the settings.

In this case the choice of play was perhaps natural, in compliment to the authorship of the Society's Chairman, and with a desire to end the season with a light comedy. But the one question whether, in spite of its success in bringing joy to a battle ship, or counterbalancing the effects of ENSA in the Orkneys, the play carries enough guns to keep the flag of the Hong Kong Stage Club really flying as it should.

The enthusiasm and talents of its members deserve the very best material, and next season we hope they get it.

US Baseball

New York, Apr. 27.

Baseball scores—

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	1 3 2
New York	7 9 0
(Winning pitcher Larry Jansen)	
Chicago	2 8 2
Cincinnati	12 0 0
(Winning pitcher Bob McCall)	
Brooklyn	2 0 1
Boston	3 4 0
(Winning pitcher Red Barrett)	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
New York	4 11 1
Philadelphia	2 5 0
(Winning pitcher Karl Drews)	
Detroit	3 10 2
Saint Louis	3 15 0
(Winning pitcher Al Widmar)	

—Associated Press.

SQUASH RESULTS

Butterfield and Swire beat Dodwell and Company by four games to one in a squash match at Victoria Barracks on Tuesday.

Scores—

J. K. Wilson (B & S) beat R. W. Franklin (Dodwell).

H. N. Bardell (B & S) beat R. K. Valentine (Dodwell).

H. C. D. Knight (Dodwell) beat J. E. Nicoll (B & S).

M. N. Speyer (B & S) beat J. E. Larsen (Dodwell).

R. G. Adams (B & S) beat K. A. Cook (Dodwell).

HEAVY RAIN STOPS PLAY

WORCESTER 113-1 IN MATCH AGAINST AUSSIES

Worcester, Apr. 28.

Worcester scored 113 runs for the last of one wicket at lunch today in their match against the Australian cricket touring team here.

The bleak weather in which play started before 12,000 spectators, who thronged the ground with hundreds sitting on the turf near the boundaries, always threatened rain.

Winning the toss, Worcester took first innings but without a run scored, Lindwall claimed the first wicket, his lone appeal being answered in the affirmative by Umpire Root.

17,000 Spectators

Then Palmer and Cooper proceeded to turn the game in Worcester's favour and after an hour's play, they had compensated for that early disaster.

By now 17,000 people were watching the play and the gates had been closed.

Palmer, a bespectacled local school-master, was home from India two years ago, having had a reputation there as a stylish batsman.

His 78 before lunch today included one six and ten fours, and he treated all bowling alike.

The Australians, who did not appear to appreciate the chilly wind, had called for a dust when a short shower fell but minutes from the lunch interval and heavy rain drove the players into the pavilion.

Lunch Scores

D. Kenyon lbw, b. Lindwall	0
E. Cooper, not out	34
C. H. Palmer, not out	78
Extra	1
Total for one	113

Reuter.

FOREIGN TRAVELLERS "PROBLEM"

Shanghai, Apr. 28.

A Ta Kung Pao dispatch from Taipei said Nanking had cautioned the Taiwan Provincial Government that "actions of foreign travellers should constantly be watched by local police authorities."

It said the instruction came from the Ministry of the Interior as answer to "the problem of disposing of foreign travellers in Taiwan who have stayed for a comparatively long period."

Associated Press.

CHARITY BALL TONIGHT

Up to yesterday afternoon, over 600 tickets had been bought by the public for the Netherlands Hospital Grand Charity Ball to be held tonight in the Hong Kong Hotel "Gaiety."

In aid of the Building Fund for a new Nurses home and training school, the organising committee of the Ball, under the chairmanship of Mrs. June Scott, sister of Lady Grantham, hope to raise at least \$15,000 as a result of the evening's entertainment.

The programme includes a ten-item floor show of dancing and singing to the music of Fred Carpio's Band, and there will be a number of spot dance prizes.

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My Babu Wins Guineas In Thrilling Race

Newmarket, Apr. 28.

The Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda's My Babu, bred in France by Djebel out of Perfume, today won a thrilling race for the Two Thousand Guineas, the first of the British classics, beating Colonel Giles Leder's The Cobbler by a head, with Mr. Harry Joel's Pride of India four lengths away third.

My Babu, starting 2 to 1 favourite, and The Cobbler, Irish-bred son of Windsor Slipper, who started 100 to 30 second favourite, raced neck and neck over the final furlong, with My Babu prevailing by a head.

Mr. Joel's Pride of India, Noor and Djeddah had, in turns, been resolute at the start.

The most prominent early stages were Minister Lovell and My Babu on the far side and Pride of India, and Djeddah on the stand side.

After going quarter of a mile, Pride of India led, My Babu, Minister Lovell, The Cobbler, Djeddah, Silar Slipper, Henley Arde and Straight Play.

With half the distance covered, My Babu was in front of The Cobbler with Djeddah third. At the bushes Pride of India still led with My Babu, The Cobbler, Henley in Arden and Birthday Greetings in close attendance.

Going into the dip, My Babu and The Cobbler headed Pride of India. The favourite, running on strongly unhilt, won by a head with Pride of India four lengths away.

Birthday Greetings was fourth, Henley in Arden fifth, Royal Drake sixth, Silar Slipper seventh, Djeddah eighth, Noor ninth, Straight Play tenth, with Pretence last. My Babu covered the mile in one minute 35 seconds to win for the Indian prince £14,000, which is the richest prize ever of British turf.—Reuter.

CANTON RADIO'S UNUSUAL PROGRAMME

Canton, Apr. 28.

The Canton broadcasting station, XTPA tonight presented a most unusual programme for a Chinese station by giving a concert of early English madrigals and folk songs.

Under the direction of Dr. J. R. Ross and Mrs. Linsley Gressitt, a group of 10, including three Chinese, from the Fatchan Hospital and the Lingnan University entertained the city's radio listeners with folk songs sung in English during the 10th Century.

The concert was arranged through the co-operation of the local broadcasting administration and the British Information Office.—Reuter.

A.V.M. RICE DEAD

London, Apr. 28.

Sir Edward Rice, who was a private in the Army in World War I and Air Vice-Marshal in World War II, died at his home in Kenya Colony, it was announced. He was 64.

Sir Edward was transferred from the Army to the Royal Flying Corps in 1915 and three years later was transferred to the Royal Air Force with the rank of Squadron-leader. He was promoted to the rank of Air Vice-Marshal in 1943 when Air Officer-Commanding No. 1 Group of the Bomber Command.—He died in 1944.—Reuter.

Tsui Wal-pui had little difficulty in reaching the final of the Open Singles Tennis Championship when he beat R. Sagalen yesterday by 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

After the game the Honorable Chinese players, on the way to Shanghai, had a game and later Chifin and Moy played Tsui Wal-pui and R. Sagalen in a two set game.

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Symington's Plea For US Air Force

Washington, Apr. 28.

The Air Secretary, W. Stuart Symington, told Congress today that Russia will have the atomic bomb before the United States has an adequate Air Force unless work on the Air Force is begun "this year."

Arguing for the House-approved 70-group Air Force, Symington told the Senate Appropriations Committee, "We should think in terms of our only possible enemy, and the only thing that Russians are afraid of is a great Air Force. They are building it as fast as they can and that is the only way they can get at us and the only way we can get at them today."

He told the Committee, "If you don't start building this year you will never have a modern Air Force by the time the Russians get the bomb."

Symington and other Air Force leaders fought another round in the battle for a 70-group Air Force despite objections of the Defence Secretary, James Forrestal.

Both Symington and General Carl A. Spaatz, retiring Air Chief of Staff, told the sub-committee that they are in favour of the 60-group Air Force plan plucked by Forrestal on Monday.

But they made it crystal clear under committee questioning that they feel "a 70-group Air Force is vital to the nation's security."

Symington denied that the money voted to expand the Air Force from the present 55

Philippine Protest To U.S.

Manila, Apr. 28.

The Philippine Government today prepared a diplomatic note to the American Embassy protesting what was described as "deliberately discourteous" treatment received by a number of its foreign affairs officials while boarding the American Presidential liner, President Calveland, on April 28.

President Elpidio Quirino, in his capacity as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, was bringing the incident to the attention of Ambassador Emmet O'Neil through a "note."

The Embassy said late today it had not yet received the complaint, but would take action when it was received.—Associated Press.